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Men —

Who Make St. Joseph *Mo!*

"The City Worth While"

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## *DEDICATION*

This book is dedicated to the memory of one who long ago passed away. He came to St. Joseph March 12, 1847, and was the first man who had enough courage to establish a business of any kind east of Main street. He selected the corner of Second and Felix streets, the present site of the Chase Candy Company, for his cabinet making shop and furniture store. Shortly after arriving in St. Joseph he was elected justice of the peace, and filled the office for twelve years. His decisions were invariably sustained, not a single reversal being made by the higher courts during the entire time of his official service. He was for several years one of the town trustees, and was president of the board.

He was a native of Kentucky, born in 1808, and a Democrat. When the Civil war broke out he said: "If I must give up Democracy or the Union I will give up Democracy." His own service and that of five of his sons were enlisted under the first call for troops. The biographer of fifty years ago said of him: "He was a member of the Christian Church and the Masonic fraternity, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He lived and died without a blemish on his character, having performed his duty to his family, to his neighbors and to his country, faithfully and well." This was Lewis Tracy, my grandfather, to whose memory I affectionately dedicate this further history of St. Joseph.

W. P. T.



# Historical

*"We should not pass from the earth  
without leaving traces to carry our  
memory to posterity."*

THIS is the month of June, in the year 1920. It is the season when the earth and the heavens vie with each other in proclaiming the beauties of Nature; the time when man comes into a fuller understanding with his Maker, and has a greater love for all mankind.

Beauty spots may abound in far off places, but none surpass those to be found in and about dear old St. Joe.

No grander view is offered than one beholds from the hills about the city. As far as the eye can carry, one's nature responds to the sublime touch of a divine hand. To the north, east and south are the wonderful Missouri fields and orchards, in varying shades of green, and to the west the neighboring State of Kansas continues the endless panorama. And at evening, when the sun kisses good night to all things here below, and his smiles are reflected by the ripples of the great winding Missouri, as it journeys through one of the richest and most beautiful valleys in the world, a new hope for the morrow is inspired.

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The government census of 1920 gives St. Joseph a population of 77,939. It is most interesting to note how each generation has contributed to its fullest measure in the work of development.

First, the Indian trading post, then the supply base for the great West, and finally a big commercial and industrial center. A city counting as its chief asset its home life, and all which tends to make it more attractive and happy; a city which also counts among its best assets its

schools, its churches, its libraries, its parks and public buildings, and all else which makes for the moral uplift of its people.

Year after year the responsibilities of citizenship have been assumed and bravely borne by men of far vision who were possessed of strength, courage, ambition and determination.

It will be satisfying and inspiring to know something of those sturdy pioneers who traded with the Indians and hunted buffalo and other wild game. To recall the days of the '49ers who bought their supplies here and began their long journey across the plains to the gold fields of California, forgetful of the hardships ahead or the scalping knife of the savage.

The devotion to duty of the Pony Express riders. Then, the agitation for a railroad and the difficulty in financing it. The wonderful business of the steamboats, and finally the building of a steel bridge to span the Missouri River. All the while the city manifesting the highest spirit of progress and making rapid advancement.

## The Founder of St. Joseph

Joseph Robidoux, the founder of St. Joseph, was born in St. Louis, Mo., August 10, 1783, of French parentage.

He was the eldest of a family, consisting of six sons and one daughter.

When only 18 years of age he married Eugenie Delille, the daughter of a wealthy man of St. Louis. By this union they had one child, Joseph E. Robidoux, who lived to an advanced age near White Cloud, Kan.

Four years after his marriage his wife died. After her death young Robidoux, then in his 23rd year, became

an extensive traveler, first visiting New Orleans, and different points on the lower Mississippi, in search of a favorable location for a trading post. Finding none that offered the advantages desired by him on the Mississippi River, he finally located on the present site of the city of Chicago. He was plundered and robbed by the Indians of his goods and merchandise within a few days after his arrival there.

He returned again to St. Louis, and soon thereafter made a voyage up the Missouri River, in company with one of the partners of the American Fur Company.

"Blacksnake Hills" had been seen by some of the men connected with the fur companies while en route on one of their expeditions. Seeing the Indians here in large numbers while on this journey, they debarked and noted the points of vantage as a probable future trading post, then proceeded to Council Bluffs, the original place of destination.

Robidoux was favorably impressed with the "Bluffs" as a trading post. He returned to St. Louis and purchased a stock of goods, which he transported up the river by a keel boat, arriving at the Bluffs in the fall of 1809, where he remained for thirteen years.

He made occasional visits to St. Louis, and it was on one of these visits, in 1813, that he was married to Angélique Vaudry of that city. By this union they had six sons and one daughter—Faraon, Julius C., Francis B., Felix, Edmond, Charles and Mrs. S. P. Beauvis.

Robidoux became an expert Indian trader, readily adapting himself to the habits, manners and customs of the Indians. He was soon making inroads on the business of the American Fur Company, also located at the Bluffs. Finally he became so popular with the Indians that he controlled a large portion of the trade, to the great detriment of the Fur Company. Wishing no further opposition from Robidoux, the Fur Company purchased his stock of goods at an advance of 50 per cent over the cost, and further

agreed to pay him \$1,000 per year for a period of three years, conditioned upon his leaving the Bluffs.

He then returned to St. Louis, where he carried on the business of a baker and confectioner until the expiration of the three years.

Having already spent many years of his life among the Indians as a fur trader, he concluded to embark once more in the same pursuit, and made known his intentions to the Fur Company.

Rather than have the trade divided with one so shrewd and experienced as Robidoux, a representative of the Fur Company offered to place him in this neighborhood at a salary of \$1,800 per year, provided he would not interfere with the trade at the Bluffs. Accepting the proposition, he came here in the late summer of 1826, in a keel boat, and first landed at the mouth of the creek now called Roy's Branch. By the following spring he had recognized the advantage of a location at the mouth of Blacksnake Creek (about 200 feet north of the present Francis street depot). He then transferred his trading to this point, which was the beginning of St. Joseph, and Robidoux was the first white man to settle here. He continued to work for the Fur Company until 1830, when he became the sole proprietor of the post.

(It might be well to record that Blacksnake Creek is no more—its water having been curbed by one of the largest sewers in the world, and over its course commerce and industry are carried on with little thought of its existence).

### First Log House

In 1827 Robidoux erected a small log house, which for many years was the only evidence of civilized man within a radius of fifty miles. It stood near the mouth of Blacksnake Creek.

Later he erected a large house at the northeast corner of Main and Jule streets. It faced the south, was one and one-half stories high, contained nine rooms, six on the



first floor and three on the second, and a covered porch extending along the entire front. Besides there was a shed on the north side, divided into three rooms, in one of which Robidoux slept. The entire structure was of logs, chinked with mud, and was substantially and correctly built, insuring comfort in all seasons, and being sufficiently formidable to withstand an attack of hostile Indians, should one be made.

Robidoux spoke the various Indian dialects fluently. His English was broken and strongly flavored with the French accent. He was a heavily built man, about five feet ten inches in height, of swarthy complexion and with piercing eyes. His manners were mild and persuasive, and he was polite and hospitable. So far as known he never had difficulties with the red man. He was a natural trader and highly successful. He died in St. Joseph, May 27, 1868, nearly eighty-five years of age, and was buried at Calvary Cemetery. The funeral was public, and business generally was suspended. The body was removed to Mount Olivet Cemetery, August 22, 1908.

Robidoux had in his employ about twenty Frenchmen, who made regular trips with mules to the Grand River country, and across the Missouri River into what is now Kansas and southern Nebraska. They took with them the trinkets, such as beads, mirrors, cloth of bright colors, etc., which so appealed to the heart of the Indian. In return for these they secured the peltries and buffalo hides which, in time, were shipped to St. Louis in keel boats—the day of the steamboat having not yet arrived.

For the convenience of those in his employ and the Indians Robidoux operated a small ferry, consisting of a flat boat. The landing at this side was about where Francis street originally struck the river, and the road led from there southeast to the Agency Ford of the Platte River, where it forked, one branch leading to Liberty, Clay County, and the other to the Grand River country.

The population of "Blacksnake Hills," as the post was

called, did not increase materially until the completion of the Platte Purchase, in 1837. Then there was a rush of immigration and the trading post was the natural objective point.

Rival trading points sprang up all over the new country between 1837 and 1840. Of Savannah, Amazonia, Bontown, Elizabethtown, Boston and Jintown, all in Andrew County, the two former alone remain. However, Blacksnake Hills continued to prosper and the population steadily increased.

Robidoux secured two quarter sections, and this land now comprises the "original town" and the various Robidoux additions. Quite a settlement soon developed, for Robidoux gave or leased ground in small parcels to all who desired to locate. He then engaged in general merchandise and built a flour mill near the mouth of Blacksnake Creek. A sawmill was built south of the settlement by a Dr. Daniel Keedy, who was the first physician to locate at the post.

#### Offered the Site for \$1,600

In the fall of 1839 Robidoux agreed to sell the site of Blacksnake Hills to Warren Samuel and two other parties from Independence, Mo., for \$1,600 in silver. They went home and returned in due time with the money, and also with a plat of the future town. They were Robidoux's guests. During the evening a dispute arose over a trivial matter, which caused Robidoux to decline further negotiations. He had doubtless regretted his part of the bargain and gladly availed himself of this opportunity to cancel the deal at the critical time.

#### Postoffice in a Hat

In 1840 a postoffice was established at Blacksnake Hills, with Jules C. Robidoux, a son of Joseph, in charge. The office continued under this name until 1843, when it was changed to St. Joseph, the town having meanwhile been platted and christened. Robidoux, George Brubaker

and Captain Frederick W. Smith were the postmasters under the old name, and Captain Smith was the first postmaster under the new name. The mails were not very heavy in those days, coming mostly by boat from the outer world and by pony and stage from neighboring points. Captain Smith wore an old-style, bell-crowned beaver hat, which he used as the repository of postal matter. He was personally acquainted with every inhabitant of the village and it was his custom to deliver mail to parties as he met them. Thus it will be seen that St. Joseph had free postal delivery long before many of the now populous cities of the West were even thought of.

Preparations to form a town were first made by Robidoux in 1842. Though the population was small, Blacksnake Hills was the best trading point in this region, and farmers came long distances to the mills and stores. Sparta was then the county seat of Buchanan County, but the people always preferred this point. When the county court appropriated \$6,000 for a new court house the enterprising people of the "Hills" at once proceeded to get busy, and Robidoux was alive to the importance of the matter.

### Naming the Town

The population was about 200, and the business was along the river bank, near the mouth of the Blacksnake. The larger portion of the proposed townsite was a hemp field. As soon as the crop was harvested Robidoux had surveys and plats made by two rival surveyors, Frederick W. Smith and Simeon Kemper. Smith named his plat St. Joseph and Kemper named his Robidoux. Mr. Charles S. Kemper, son of Simeon Kemper, now residing at 1328 Francis street, relates this incident in connection with the plats:

Both plats were taken to St. Louis. The Kemper plat provided wide streets, while that of Smith called for narrow streets. Robidoux's friends urged him to adopt the Smith plat, because of the saving of ground, contending

that it was a waste to make such wide streets. Yielding to this influence, the plat named St. Joseph was selected. A slight change was made in it, which was the adoption of one wide street, as shown by the Kemper plat—that street being the present Main street. The plat was then recorded on July 26, 1843, and the history of St. Joseph therefore begins with that date.

The town as then platted included all of the territory between Robidoux street on the north, Messanie on the south, Sixth street on the east and the river on the west—fifty-two whole and twelve fractional blocks. The dimensions of each whole block being 240x300 feet, bisected by a twelve-foot alley. Robidoux named the streets running back from the river, Water, Levee, First (Main), Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth. Those running at right angles he named after the members of his family, beginning with Robidoux, then Faraon, Jules, Francis, Felix, Edmond, Charles, Sylvanie, Angelique and Messanie.

Town lots were immediately put upon the market. The population now increased rapidly, and at the end of the year 1843 there were 500 people here as compared with 200 in the June previous. At a public sale which had been extensively advertised 150 lots were sold. The corner lots brought \$150 and inside lots \$100 each at this sale.

A monopoly of the trade had been enjoyed by Robidoux until 1813, when a new firm opened a stock of general merchandise.

St. Joseph did not have a municipal government until May, 1845. Joseph Robidoux was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the town.

How the foundations of some fortunes were laid in the early days may be seen from three transactions. In 1844 John Corby purchased the tract of land now known as Corby's Grove, consisting of eighty acres, for the sum of \$200. In the same year Albe M. Saxton purchased a section of land one and one-half miles east of the Patee

House for 11¼ cents per acre. John Patee purchased the tract, 320 acres, which became Patee's Addition, for \$3,200.

After the usual amount of agitation and several elections were held St. Joseph became the county seat of Buchanan County, February 28, 1846, and the future of the city was assured.

By an act of the general assembly in 1838 Peter P. Fulkerson, father of Dr. Perry P. Fulkerson of St. Joseph, was appointed one of a commission of three to locate the county seat of Buchanan County, which, as previously stated, was Sparta. The other members of the commission were Armstrong McClintock of Clinton County and Leonard Brassfield of Clay County. The report of the commission bears date of May 28, 1840. These commissioners named the county seat Benton, but the county court changed it to Sparta the following August.

In December, 1846, a census of St. Joseph was taken, which showed a population of 936.

Times were quite lively in St. Joseph in 1847. New mercantile houses had been established, and old firms had enlarged. From March to September, 1849, 143 buildings were erected.

#### Days of the '49ers

In the spring of 1849 began the rush to California. As a starting point St. Joseph offered advantages which no other place possessed. Its population was then 1,900, and there were many well-equipped stores in operation, carrying an aggregate stock of close to half a million dollars. Among the merchants of that period was the late Milton Tootle. Also, there were two flouring mills, two steam sawmills, nine blacksmith shops, four wagon shops, two tanners, extensive harness and saddle manufactories, etc. The fact of there being two ferries also had its effect in bringing the gold seekers to this point.

Scarcely a day in February and March passed that did not bring a large number of emigrants, and the Gazette of

March 30, 1849, states that at that time there were upwards of five hundred people camped about the city, awaiting the appearance of grass. The next month saw this number doubled. Grass came early that year, and the emigrants got away promptly.

From April 1 to June 15, 1849, 1,508 wagons crossed on the ferries from St. Joseph.

In 1850 the overland emigration exceeded 100,000, and it is estimated that over one-half of the emigrants left from St. Joseph. As the spring was later by a month than was expected, forty to fifty thousand people were encamped in and for miles around the town, in tents and wagons.

The number of emigrants leaving St. Joseph in 1851 and 1862 was comparatively small. The Indians, too, had proved more annoying, and great care and vigilance were required.

St. Joseph and Savannah sent out large ventures. Among those interested were James McCord (father of Col. J. H. McCord), Richard E. Turner and Dudley M. Steel, all of whom figured prominently in the commercial history of St. Joseph.

While the town enjoyed the reputation of being a great outfitting point, it was also the jumping off place of civilization before entering upon the long and perilous journey across the great plains.

Many wagon trains were loaded at St. Joseph with provisions and wares and taken to Salt Lake and other western points. The freighting business soon grew to immense proportions, St. Joseph being the supply depot for the outlying civilization. From the spirit and determination to meet the merchandising needs of the West grew the wholesale and jobbing business of St. Joseph, and the men whose names are now at the head of these great institutions were keenly alert to the possibilities of their city as a market place. Their judgment has been more than vindicated.

The necessities of the day brought forth the overland

stage. The first contract to transfer the mail to Salt Lake from the Missouri River was let to Samuel Woodson of Independence in 1850. It required nerve to invest money in such an undertaking when the intervening country was a wilderness more than a thousand miles in breadth, occupied by Indians and buffalo.

### The Pony Express

The desire for still closer communication resulted in the organization of the famous "Pony Express" service between St. Joseph and San Francisco.

For a period of sixty years it has remained a matter of local pride that St. Joseph was the eastern terminus of the Pony express route.

No greater romance and thrill in the development of the mighty West has ever been experienced. The whole world might have been searched for men more heroic or possessing more cold-steel nerve than the "pony riders," but to no avail.

St. Joseph was the outpost of western civilization. The connecting link between the East and West was the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, which had its terminus here.

Across virgin prairies, mountains, rivers, plain and desert 2,000 miles away was a new country peopled with Americans who by sea voyages of thousands of miles or across the leagues of wastes stretching away to the east, had trekked from an older civilization to a new.

Americans are intolerant of difficulties and the absence of communication from the east that to many was still called home, for long months at a time, roused a fervor or protest and an effort to modify the difficulty. This took the form of petitions to congress for relief. Successful candidates for congress took their choice of two routes to Washington—by sea, 12,000 miles or by horseback through a country inhabited only by hostile savages.

It was a current witticism of the time that a congress-

man's tenure of office was likely to expire before he could arrive in Washington to take his oath of office.

Routes for freight and mail carrying "freighters" were planned and the merits of several routes each had their advocates. Two rival groups organized to secure from congress approval and incidentally a mail carrying contract to serve the Pacific coast. At the head of one of these groups was Russell, Majors & Waddell of Independence, Mo., who were large freighters of merchandise via Salt Lake to Sacramento. The other group consisted of the Wells Butterfield coterie of stage and express men who undertook to prove the longer route from St. Louis through the territories of the southwest to be the better way.

Finally, in 1855, Senator W. M. Gwin introduced a bill in congress to bring mails to the Pacific coast by horseback. The rival group mustered enough force to have the bill pigeonholed by urging the great, if not impossible task of crossing snow laden mountains.

However, the southern route champions won recognition, and in 1857 James E. Birch was given a contract for carrying mails via the southern route. There were no roads, only rough trails and for hundred of miles unbroken wastes. Along the entire route were but two towns, El Paso and Tucson.

The first mail sacks were carried on horseback across this desolate wilderness of blistering desert and mountains. The initial trip was made by Silas St. John and Charles Mason, who rode side by side from Cariso Creek to Jaeger's Ferry, where Yuma now stands. The route over blistering hot deserts, sand hills, alkali flats and mountains was made in 32 days.

The project was a financial failure, and the people of California were apparently as far away from communication with the eastern part of the country as ever.

But what the government failed to do was accomplished by a private firm, and over the northern route. To the good offices of Senator W. M. Gwin was this made possi-

ble, and through his persuasions the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell undertook the project.

### **The Real Pony Express**

It is a matter of controversy just who the first rider was on that memorable day of April 3, 1860, who, amid cheering crowds, booming cannon and shrieking whistles, leaped on a fleet brown mare and at swinging gallop headed for the town of Sacramento, California, out of St. Joseph, Mo.

(From the St. Joseph Weekly Free Democrat of April 7, 1860, is this reference in connection with the start: "All being desirous of preserving a memento of the flying messenger, the little pony was almost robbed of its tail.")

Alexander Carlyle is given the honor by some, but the general belief in St. Joseph is that Johnny Fry was the first to essay the long 2,000 mile journey. The same honor is claimed for Henry Wallace, but Charles Cliff of St. Joseph, Mo., who began riding the following year, gives the first honor to Johnny Fry.

There was an enormous amount of preparation for this project. At first relay stations were established every twenty-five miles, and the duty of the man in charge was to have a horse bridled, saddled and waiting for the appearance of the pony express rider, day and night.

Then the question of riders must be met and the exigencies of the case demanded men of light weight, small size, skilled and daring riders and of dauntless courage. The horses were picked with unusual care. Time was the essence of the undertaking and horses of speed, mettle and staying qualities were in every way essential. The horses received the best of care and the rider must go from station to station at top speed. Very shortly after the inauguration of the pony express the relay stations were practically doubled, being from ten to thirteen miles apart instead of twenty-five miles. It was a ride against time and a quarter hundred miles was too far to expect a horse to main-

tain his best speed over the entire course. But ten miles was a different matter, and the entire distance of almost 2,000 miles was covered in the short period of eight days. Both men and horses were something phenomenal in those hardy days.

### **The Start From St. Joseph**

It was just before the hour of 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon of April 3, 1860. Practically all of St. Joseph's population were gathered around the old Pike's Peak stable, located near Ninth and Penn streets, and just south of Patee Park. The old structure has since been remodeled, and at present is occupied by a manufacturing concern. The identical spot (in Patee Park), from which the rider of that memorable ride started, is marked with a suitable monument erected by the local Daughters of the American Revolution as a permanent memorial of this historic occasion, and bears this inscription:

This Monument, Erected by the  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
and

The City of St. Joseph,  
Marks the Place Where the First Pony Express  
Started on April 3, 1860.

With a prolonged whistle the westbound train from the east had rolled into St. Joseph. Mails designed for the initial pony express trip were hurriedly distributed, and promptly at 5:30 Johnny Fry sprung into the saddle of his eager horse, and with the booming of cannon and to the cheers of thousands he rode to the local express office on North Second street, received his dispatches in saddle bags of heavy, tough leather with a hole cut in center to fit over saddle horn. These bags contained four pockets called cantinas, one before and one behind each leg. The mail carried was written on the lightest weight paper procur-

able. Some of the New York papers of that day printed their papers on tissue paper to be carried by the pony express. It was more profitable as an advertisement than in a pecuniary way.

Three of the cantinas or pockets were locked, to be opened only at certain military posts en route, and at Salt Lake City. The fourth pocket carried mail for the way stations, where each keeper had a key. Way bills and a time card to record arrival and departure of the pony express riders were the usual contents of this fourth or local mail pocket.

With dispatches safely stowed in his saddle bags, Fry rode to the Missouri River ferry at the foot of Julie street and was ferried across to Elwood on the Kansas side. There was a second ovation in the Kansas town, and then Fry disappeared into the unknown west on his fast but lonely ride.

On the same day in far away Sacramento, California, Harry Roff started east. The trip from San Francisco to Sacramento was made by water, so that the real trip by horseback began in the latter city at midnight. Riders out of St. Joseph proceeded to Seneca, Kansas, sixty miles from St. Joseph, and there were four stations between the two points. On Fry's initial journey he rode seventy-five miles, changing horses three times in the journey.

John Fry, John Burnett, Jack Keetley, Henry Wallace, Charles Cliff and Gus Clipp were the riders out of St. Joseph. There were eighty of these riders, all told, forty riding west and forty riding east.

Men were paid \$400 a year and maintenance. All riders were young. Charles Cliff, who began riding the year following the inauguration of the pony express, was but 17 years old, and earned his first money as a pony rider. Everything weighty was sacrificed. The saddle was the lightest that would serve. The riders' costume was a buckskin shirt, cloth trousers tucked into high boot tops, a cap or slouch hat and a pair of Colt revolvers. At first a rifle

was a part of the rider's equipment, but was soon discarded. The rider's safety depended on speed and the revolvers were depended upon for protection in close quarters. The horses, while carefully selected, were of the mustang breed, half broken, but able to keep up that long, swinging gallup hour after hour at almost express speed. In this way 250 miles a day was covered.

The carriage charges were \$5 per letter of one-half ounce weight, plus the government postage. Later this price was reduced to \$2.50 per half ounce letter in addition to government postage.

#### **Two Minutes For Transfer**

Everything possible to save time was done. Riders were allowed two minutes to transfer saddle pouches to a fresh horse, mount and depart. When approaching a station a rider would loosen his saddle bags, leap from his horse to the fresh mount and go on with hardly a pause. At the stations where a new rider took up the journey the incoming rider would unbuckle his saddle bags before arriving, ride in at full gallop and hand his saddle bags to the fresh rider.

#### **Mark Twain's Description**

In his book, "Roughing It," Mark Twain devotes a chapter to the pony riders that gives a vivid picture of the endurance and courage of these brave fellows. On one occasion the passengers of the overland stage, which also has its place in the conquering of the western wilderness, contained Mark Twain, who describes the trip as only he is capable of doing. On the morning in question the stage route crossed that taken by the pony rider and there was a keen desire on the part of the passengers to see the flight of the flesh and blood meteor. The Twain narration reads:

"In a little while all interest was taken up in stretching our necks and watching for the 'pony rider'—the fleet messenger who sped across the continent from St. Joseph to



Sacramento, carrying letters 1,900 miles in eight days. Think of that for perishable horse and human flesh to do! The pony rider was usually a little bit of a man, brimful of spirit and endurance. No matter what time of the day or night his watch came on and no matter whether it was winter or summer, raining, hailing, snowing or sleeting, or whether his 'beat' was a level, straight road or a craggy trail over mountain crags or precipices, or whether it led through peaceful regions or regions that swarmed with hostile Indians, he must be always ready to leap into the saddle and be off like the wind! There was no idling time for a pony rider on duty. He rode fifty miles without stopping by daylight, moonlight or starlight, or through the blackness or darkness—just as it happened.

"He rode a splendid horse that was born for a racer and fed and lodged like a gentleman; kept him at his utmost speed for ten miles, and then, as he went crashing up to the station, where stood two men holding fast a fresh, impatient steed the transfer of rider and mail bag was made in the twinkling of an eye, and away flew the eager pair and were out of sight before the spectator could get hardly the ghost of a look. Both rider and horse were flying light. The rider's dress was thin and fitted close; he wore a roundabout and a skull cap and tucked his pantaloons into his boot tops like a race rider. He carried no arms. He carried nothing that was not absolutely necessary, for even the postage on his literary freight was worth five dollars a letter. He got but little frivolous correspondence to carry—his bag had business letters in it, mostly. His horse was stripped of all unnecessary weight, too. He wore a little wafer of a racing saddle, and no visible blanket. He wore light shoes or none at all.

"The little flat mail pockets strapped on his thighs would each hold about the bulk of a child's primer. They held many and many an important business chapter and newspaper letter, but these were written on paper as light

and airy as gold leaf, nearly, and thus bulk and weight were economized.

#### **Made 250 Miles a Day**

"The stage coach traveled about 100 to 125 miles a day (24 hours), the pony rider about two hundred and fifty. There were about eighty pony riders in the saddle all the time, day and night, stretching in a long, scattering procession from Missouri to California, forty flying eastward and forty toward the West, and among them making 400 gallant horses earn a stirring livelihood and see a deal of scenery every single day in the year.

"We had had a consuming desire, from the beginning, to see a pony rider, but somehow or other all that passed us and all that met us managed to streak in the night, and so we heard only a whiz and a hail and the swift phantom of the desert was gone before we could get our heads out of the windows. But now we were expecting one along every moment, and would see him in broad daylight. Presently the driver exclaims:

" 'Here he comes!'

"Every neck is stretched further, and every eye strained wider. Away across the endless dead level of the prairie a black speck appears against the sky, and it is plain that it moves. Well, I should think so! In a second or so it becomes a horse and rider, rising and falling, rising and falling—sweeping towards us nearer and nearer—growing more and more distinct, more and more sharply defined—nearer and still nearer, and the flutter of the hoofs comes faintly to the ear—another instant a whoop and a hurrah from our upper deck, a wave of the rider's hand, but no reply, and man and horse pass our excited faces, and go swinging away like a belated fragment of a storm.

"So sudden is it all, and so like a flash of unreal fancy that but for the flake of white foam left quivering and perishing on a mail sack after the vision had flashed by and disappeared we might have doubted whether we had seen any actual man and horse at all, maybe.

"We passed Fort Laramie in the night, and on the seventh morning out we found ourselves in the Black Hills, with Laramie Peak at our elbow (apparently), looming vast and solitary—a deep, dark, rich indigo blue in hue, so portentously did the old colossus frown under his beetling brows of storm cloud. He was thirty or forty miles away, in reality, but he only seemed removed a little beyond the low ridge at our right.

"We breakfasted at Horseshoe station, 676 miles out from St. Joseph. We had not reached a hostile Indian country and during the afternoon we passed Laparelle station and enjoyed great discomfort all the time we were in the neighborhood, being aware that many of the trees we dashed by at arm's length concealed a lurking Indian or two. During the preceding night an ambushed savage had sent a bullet through a pony rider's jacket, but he had ridden on, just the same, because pony riders were not allowed to stop and inquire into such things except when killed. As long as they had life enough left in them they had to stick to the horse and ride, even if the Indians had been waiting for them a week and were entirely out of patience."

For all of Twain's jesting there is no belittling the dangers incurred by the pony riders. Their devotion to duty led them into a thousand risks and dangers, but these happened so frequently they came to be looked upon as a matter of course. The pony express routes came to be fairly well defined after it had been firmly established and ambushes were all in the day's work.

Charles Cliff, who rode out of St. Joseph, in an encounter was shot three times in the body, and his clothing bore the marks of twenty-seven bullets.

The one chance the Indians had was in surprising the pony rider at some lonely part or turn of the road, for once past them he was safe from their pursuit. No one in all the West was better mounted and no horses were ever selected with more care for the purpose in hand than the

fleet, enduring steeds of the pony express. The pony express was in operation but seventeen months when it was discontinued because of the completion of the telegraph line between Omaha and San Francisco.

But so unique was its conception, so successful its operation that in its entire history it was not late oftener than half a dozen times, despite all the vicissitudes resultant from storm, moonless and starless nights, Indians, road agents, accidents and what not that might happen in that wild ride of two thousand miles.

The great feat of the pony express service was the delivery of President Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861. Great interest was felt in this all over the land, foreshadowing as it did the policy of the administration in the matter of rebellion. In order to establish a record, as well as for an advertisement, the company determined to break all previous records, and to this end horses were led out from the stations so as to reduce the distance each would have to run, and get the highest possible speed out of every animal. Each horse averaged only ten miles, and that at its very best speed. Every precaution was taken to prevent delay, and the result stands without a parallel in history: seven days and seventeen hours—one hundred and eighty-five hours—for 1,950 miles, an average of 10.7 miles per hour. From St. Joseph to Denver, 665 miles, was made in two days and twenty-one hours, the last ten miles being accomplished in thirty-one minutes.

Compare the thrill of the Pony Express with the aerial mail delivery, as told by the Associated Press dispatch sent out from Oakland, California, August 8, 1920, as follows: Two all-metal airplanes that left New York City on July 29 to blaze a trail for a trans-continental aerial mail service, landed at an Oakland flying field late today. J. M. Larsen, owner of the planes, delivered to Postmaster Joseph J. Rosebrough a package of New York mail constituting what was said to be the first trans-continental aerial mail delivery on record.



### Days of the Steamboat

Imagine, if you can, going down to the river front today and seeing as many as twenty steamboats, some bringing settlers, but all having on board supplies to be distributed all over the western mountains and plains.

This was an every day scene during the '40s, '50s, and half of the '60s, when the river was dotted with boats. Large warehouses were required for the immense traffic. Hides, furs, hemp, tallow, hemp rope, whiskey and tobacco were the principal products shipped down the river.

Then, as now, St. Joseph was the business center for the whole river district. Most of the California pioneers were here supplied with outfits for the long journey to the Pacific.

Many "mackinaw" boats would arrive about June of each year, loaded down with furs, mostly belonging to Joseph Robidoux. The cargoes would be reshipped here on steamboats if the terms were favorable, but if Uncle Joe thought the steamboat men were trying to "work" him he would continue the trip to St. Louis with his mackinaws.

St. Joseph was practically the head of navigation, but in the early days a few boats would go up to the mountains each year, loaded with supplies and trinkets for the traders, consuming a whole season on the trip.

When the railroads were built there was little business left for steamboats, and they dropped out one by one, seeking other fields, until now they are a curiosity on this river.

Pilots and engineers, in the early times, were paid \$200 to \$350 per month. One season many boats came from the Ohio River to compete for the trade. In order to "head" them off" the Missouri River men hired all the licensed pilots, paying them, for a time, \$1,000 a month, work or play.

### The First Railroad

To those who enjoy the comfort and luxury of modern travel by rail it will prove quite amusing to know that an

effort was made to prevent the building of the first railroad into St. Joseph on the ground that "railroads are impractical."

Notwithstanding the attitude on the part of prominent men of the day, who went so far as to issue a circular letter warning the people not to be "tricked by such impractical things as railroads," there were in St. Joseph ardent advocates for such enterprises.

One of these enthusiasts was Robert M. Stewart, then a lawyer here, who was afterward governor of Missouri. He went actively to work, organized meetings, talked railroads, interested the people, and as a member of the state senate secured in February, 1847, the passage of an act to incorporate the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company. Among the incorporators were Joseph Robidoux, John Corby and Robert J. Boyd of St. Joseph. The capital stock was \$2,000,000.

A railroad convention was held at Chillicothe in June of 1847, at which resolutions were adopted recommending the following as the best methods to procure means for the construction of the Hannibal & St. Joseph road: "(1) To appoint a committee of three members to draft an address in the name of this convention, to the people of western Missouri, setting forth the advantages to be derived from the contemplated railroad from St. Joseph to Hannibal; (2) To appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to petition the legislature of Missouri for such aid in the undertaking as can be afforded consistently with the rights of other sections of the state; (3) To appoint a committee of three to petition Congress for a donation of alternate sections of lands, within six miles on each side of said road, when located; (4) To appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to superintend the publication and distribution of the proceedings of the convention and the address to the people of northern Missouri."

There was considerable enthusiasm among the people as the result of this convention, but material aid came

slowly. A few dollars were raised in St. Joseph for a preliminary survey and a surveying corps was organized, with Simeon Kemper and James O'Donoghue as engineers in charge. Six months after their departure from St. Joseph they returned and reported having found a practicable route for a railroad. A meeting of citizens was held, at which the two heroic surveyers made their report, and a banquet was spread in their honor.

The first survey was completed to Hannibal on Christmas Day, 1850, by Simeon Kemper and James O'Donoghue.

In 1852 the building of the road was assured. Willard P. Hall, who had, in 1846, argued against railroads on general principles, now became the good angel of the despondent enterprise. As chairman of the committee on public lands in Congress he secured the passage of a bill granting six hundred thousand acres of land to the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company, and the work of construction began at Hannibal as soon as possible.

The state loaned its credit to aid the work in the sum of \$1,500,000 bonds, to be issued and used, conditioned on proof that the sum of \$50,000 had been actually expended in construction. John Corby of St. Joseph, agent of the road, borrowed the first \$50,000, and this enabled the work to continue until funds were secured from land sales and bonds issued by the counties through which the line passes.

Again, in 1855, the company having exhausted all its resources, the state loaned an additional \$1,500,000, making in all the sum of \$3,000,000, which was liquidated, with interest, in about seventeen years after the completion of the road.

The contract for building the entire line was let to John Duff & Co., August 10, 1852, its construction being sublet to various parties. Work was commenced first on the eastern line and progressed slowly.

In August, 1857, the steamboat Saranak brought an

engine and cargo of rails to St. Joseph. Some grading was done, a track laid, and the engine hauled out on the bank, with all the people in town and vicinity as lookers-on. It was a great curiosity.

Work proceeded very rapidly for those days, and progress was reported all along the line. John Corby of St. Joseph was a director and a heavy contractor in the construction of the road. When the two ends of the line were a hundred miles apart stages were put on to carry passengers from one point to the other, and a lively business was done.

Large warehouses were constructed at Hannibal and at St. Joseph, and steamboat lines started up and down the river to transact the immense business done in connection with the road.

On February 14, 1859, the first through passenger train arrived at St. Joseph from Hannibal, with Edgar Sleppy as engineer and Benjamin H. Colt as conductor. A great celebration in honor of the completion of the road was held on Washington's birthday, at the old Odd Fellows' Hall. A jug of water from the Mississippi was emptied into the Missouri River at the mouth of Blacksnake, the ceremony mingling the waters being performed with great solemnity by Broaddus Thompson, a prominent citizen in those days, and a most unique character withal.

John Patee had donated a strip of ground containing forty acres, from Olive street west of Eighth south to Mitchell avenue, for terminal facilities. A depot was built at Eighth and Olive streets. In 1857, before the completion of the road, shops were established, with C. F. Shivers as master mechanic. In the summer of 1872 a branch was built from St. Joseph to Atchison. The Hannibal & St. Joseph road became part of the Burlington system in 1884.

#### **Eugene Field**

St. Joseph has given to the world of letters a number of brilliant writers who have achieved national and interna-

tional fame. Among these is one who is probably more warmly cherished in the memory of many than any other, the same being Eugene Field. In Field's prolific deluge of verse and poetry none carries a more tender sentiment than that general favorite, "Lover's Lane, St. Jo," in which love and lonesomeness for one's home town were never more feelingly expressed.

Feeling that this volume would hardly be complete without the poem, permission was secured from the publishers, Charles Scribners's Sons, to reproduce it from the "Poems of Eugene Field," which were copyrighted in 1910 by Julia Sutherland Field.

#### Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

Saint Jo, Buchanan County,  
Is leagues and leagues away,  
And I sit in the gloom of this rented room  
And pine to be there today.  
Yes, with the London fog around me  
And the bustling to and fro,  
I am fretting to be across the sea  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

I would have a brown-eyed maiden  
Go driving once again;  
And I'd sing the song, as we snailed along  
That I sung to that maiden then;  
I purposely say "as we snailed along,"  
For a proper horse goes slow  
In those leafy aisles where Cupid smiles  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

But the maples they should shield us  
From the gossips of the place:  
Nor should the sun, except by pun,  
Profane the maiden's face:  
And the girl should do the driving,  
For a fellow can't, you know,  
Unless he's neglectful of what's respectful  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

Ah! sweet the hours of springtime,  
When the heart inclines to woo,  
And it's deemed all right for the callow wight  
To do what he wants to do.  
But cruel the age of winter,  
When the way of the world says no  
To the hoary men who would woo again  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

In the Union Bank of London  
Are forty pounds or more,  
Which I'm like to spend, ere the month shall end  
In an antiquarian store;  
But I'd give it all and gladly,  
If for an hour or so  
I could feel the grace of a distant place—  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

Let us sit awhile, beloved,  
And dream of the good old days—  
Of the kindly shade which the maples made  
Round the staunch but squeaky chaise;  
With your head upon my shoulder,  
And my arm about you so,  
Though exiles, we shall seem to be  
In Lover's Lane, Saint Jo.

While the Lover's Lane of Field's day is a changed thoroughfare, and the horse and buggy would be almost as much of a novelty now as the automobile would have been then, still the human heart is unchanged and the sentiment of the verses finds an ever ready response.

The resident of St. Joseph versed in the traditions of St. Joseph in a social way and familiar, too, with the characters that in times ago lived their days and lives in the one time frontier town, have always especially prized the verses that bear the title of "The St. Jo Gazette," where Field's early years as a newspaper man were spent. The local references now remain only with the old timer, but in memory of that time when Field "helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette," and of those who supplied the afore-said locals of news and puffs, the verses are reproduced here:

"When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette,  
I was upon familiar terms with everyone I met.  
For "items" were my stock in trade in that my callow time,  
Before the muses tempted me to try my hand at rhyme—  
Before I found in verses those soothing, gracious mercies  
Less practical but much more glorious than a well filled purse is.  
A votary of Mammon I hustled 'round and sweat,  
And helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

The labors of the day began at half past eight a. m.,  
For the farmers came in early and I had to tackle them,  
And many a noble bit of news I managed to acquire  
By those discreet attentions which all farmer folk admire,

With my daily commentary on affairs of farm and dairy,  
The tone of which anon with subtle putteries I'd vary;  
Oh, many a peck of apples or of peaches did I get  
When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

Dramatic news was scarce, but when a minstrel show was due,  
Why, Milton Tootle's opera house was my rendezvous,  
Judge Grubb would give me points about the latest legal case,  
And Dr. Runcie let me print his sermons when I'd space,  
Of fevers, fractures, humors, contusions, fits and tumors  
Would Dr. Hall or Dr. Banes confirm the rumors;  
From Colonel Dawes what railroad news there was I used to get  
When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

For personals the old Pacific house was just the place—  
Pap Abell knew the pedigree of all the human race;  
And when he'd g'n up all he had, he'd drop a subtle wink,  
And lead the way where one might wet his whistle for a drink.  
Those drinks at the Pacific, when days were sudorific,  
Were what Parisians (pray excuse my French) would call magnifique;  
And frequently an invitation to a meal I'd get,  
When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

And when in rainy weather news was scarce as well as slow,  
To Saxton's bank or Hopkins' store for items would I go.  
The jokes which Colonel Saxton told were all but good enough  
For local application in lieu of better stuff;  
And when the ducks were flying, or the fishing well worth trying—  
Gosh! but those sports at Hopkins' store could beat the world at lying!  
And I printed all their yarns, though not without regret,  
When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

For squibs political I'd go to Colonel Waller Young,  
Or Colonel James N. Burnes, the "statesman with the silver tongue;"  
Should some old pioneer take sick and die, why then I'd call  
On Frank M. Posegate for the "life" and Posegate knew 'em all.  
Lon Tullar used to pony up descriptions that were tony  
Of toilets worn at party, ball or conversazione,  
For the ladies were addicted to the style called "deckolet,"  
When I helped 'em run the local on the St. Jo Gazette.

So was I wont my daily round of labor to pursue,  
And when came night I found that there was still more work to do—  
The telegraph to edit, yards and yards of proof to read,  
And reprint to be gathered to supply the printers' greed.  
Oh, but it takes agility combined with versatility  
To run a county daily with appropriate ability.  
There never was a smarter lot of editors, I'll bet,  
Than we who whooped up local on the St. Jo Gazette.

Yes, maybe it was irksome, maybe a discontent,  
Rebellious rose amid the toil I daily underwent.  
If so I don't remember, this only do I know,  
My thoughts turn ever fondly to that old time in St. Jo.

The years that speed so fleetly have blotted out completely  
All else than that which still remains to solace men so smartly;  
The friendships of that time—ah, me, they are as precious yet  
As when I was a local on the St. Jo Gazette.

### Jesse James

A city may be likened unto a family, some members of which are a credit to it and others a disgrace. Therefore it is not with much pride that St. Joseph confesses to having been the home of the notorious outlaw, Jesse James. It is a fact, nevertheless, that the daring bandit did live here and that he brought St. Joseph into considerable prominence when it was revealed that the bullet fired by Bob Ford had brought to an untimely end the career of the dreaded outlaw, upon whose head a price of \$10,000 had been placed.

As an event of great moment in the city's history the facts are briefly these:

Under the alias of "James Howard" Jesse James lived in St. Joseph from November 9, 1881, until April 3, 1882—the day on which he was killed in a small frame house at 1318 Lafayette street. His wife, two children and Charley Ford, a fellow-bandit, whose alias was Charles Johnson, composed the household.

But a few persons in St. Joseph knew the identity of James, but kept it concealed for reasons best known to themselves. Jesse James mingled very little with the outside world, seldom going to the business portion of the city. He made few acquaintances and kept his own counsel.

A reward of \$10,000 and promised immunity prompted Charley Ford to enter into a plan to trap and slay his friend and protector. Appreciating the need of an accomplice, he persuaded James to give shelter to his brother, Robert, commonly called "Bob." These two traitors only waited a favorable opportunity. This came on the morning of April 3, 1882, at 10 o'clock. Bob Ford assisted Mrs. James in the housework, while Charley Ford assisted Jesse

James in the stable. The morning chores accomplished, the three men entered the front room, leaving Mrs. James in the kitchen to prepare dinner. James opened the front door. He remarked that if people in the street saw him heavily armed they might become suspicious, and he there-upon removed his belt and pistols, throwing them upon a bed. Then he mounted a chair and began to dust a picture that hung against the wall. This was the first time in their long association that the Ford boys had seen Jesse James off his guard. He was unarmed and his back was turned. Simultaneously they grasped the situation and drew their pistols. The click of the pistol caused James to turn his head slightly, but in that instant Bob Ford fired and Jesse James fell backward to the floor dead. The bullet entered the back of his head near the right ear.

The Fords replaced their revolvers in their belts and hastily left the house, going to the Western Union telegraph office, where they immediately wired Governor Crittenden, as well as Sheriff Timberlake of Clay County, and the marshal of Kansas City that they had killed Jesse James. Thence they went in search of City Marshal Enos Craig, but he had heard of the affair and had gone to the scene of the tragedy. The Fords then secured the protection of a policeman and returned to the house, where they imparted the fact to the officials that they had done the shooting, at the same time disclosing the identity of the victim. They requested to be taken into custody, which was done. Subsequently Mrs. James swore out a warrant charging them with the murder of her husband.

The body of Jesse James was buried at Kearney, in Clay County, the family home.

Judge O. M. Spencer, who was state's attorney for Buchanan County at that time, insisted upon prosecuting the Fords. They were indicted for murder in the first degree, and, upon arraignment before Judge Sherman on April 18, 1882, pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge Sher-

man sentenced them to be hanged on May 19th. On April 19th a pardon, signed by Governor Crittenden, arrived and the Fords were released. They were at once re-arrested by an officer from Ray County and taken to Richmond to answer to the charge of murder. Of this charge they were also cleared.

The reward of \$10,000 which had been offered by express and railroad companies that had been troubled by the depredations of the James gang was paid over to the Fords, and they lived in debauchery until they perished—Charles as a suicide, and Bob by a pistol ball in a Colorado dance hall.

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#### Brief Items of History

The population of St. Joseph in 1861 was 11,000.

From 1861 to 1865—the rebellion period—St. Joseph, like other cities and the country in general, went backward. After the war St. Joseph made marvelous progress. During the first two years 3,000 buildings were erected.

The first street car line in St. Joseph was built in 1866, running from Mitchell avenue and Eleventh street to Third and Francis streets. The first electric trolley line was put in operation in the fall of 1887.

The first Missouri River bridge was completed in May of 1873. The court house, city hall, Tootle's opera house and Asylum No. 2 were built in 1873-74.

In 1874 the first telephones were put in.

In 1880 the Missouri Pacific began to run trains into St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's police department was created in 1858, at which time the marshal was given a deputy and six men.

The foundation of the present pretentious live stock market and meat packing industry was laid in 1887, and during the following five years three packing plants were established.

The first newspaper issued in St. Joseph was in 1845, when The Weekly Gazette commenced publication.

The first public library was opened November 8, 1887. A charge of \$2.00 a year was made for the use of the library. Three years later the free library was established.

The public schools of St. Joseph were opened on April 23, 1860. The present Central High School building was occupied in the spring of 1896.

St. Joseph's most prominent parks were donated to the city. Krug Park was the gift of Henry and William Krug. Smith Park was the gift of Frederick W. Smith, Patee Park the gift of John Patee; Mitchell Park the gift of A. M. Mitchell, and Washington Park the gift of those who placed St. Joseph Extension Addition on the market.

Work was begun on the present system of waterworks January 4, 1880, and the system placed in active service January 12, 1881.

Illuminating gas was first manufactured in 1856. Private consumers paid \$5.00 per thousand cubic feet.

Thomas Mills was the first Mayor of St. Joseph. He was elected in April, 1851, and served one year.

The first electric light company was organized in 1883. St. Joseph embarked in municipal ownership of its street lighting in 1889.

An omnibus line was started in St. Joseph in February, 1859.

The first labor organization in St. Joseph was Typographical Union No. 40. It was organized in June, 1859.

In the spring of 1856 the first job printing office was opened in St. Joseph.

The first fraternal organization was that of the Masons, in October, 1845.

Armstrong Beattie was the first regular banker in St. Joseph. He began business in 1852 in the City Hotel at Jule and Main streets.

The first church service in St. Joseph was in 1838,

when a wandering Jesuit priest visited the obscure and lonely Blacksnake Hills, as the settlement was then called. In a rude log house of Joseph Robidoux a primitive altar was extemporized from a common table, and, in the presence of the wondering red man and the scarcely more cultivated pioneer mass was celebrated. This was the small beginning of the march of Christianity in St. Joseph.

The Y. M. C. A. was formed on May 2, 1882, and the Y. W. C. A. in the summer of 1887.

The first telegraph line built to St. Joseph was completed on March 3, 1853. The first message received was the inaugural address of President Franklin Pierce.

Julius C. Robidoux was the first person regularly licensed as a ferryman. He was authorized to maintain a ferry across the Missouri river at Blacksnake Hills on May 7, 1839, for a period of one year, for which privilege he paid a tax of \$8.00.

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### Since the Overland Days

As we mark time it is over seventy years since the '49ers outfitted their pack and wagon trains here to cross the plains. Associated with some of the jobbing and wholesale houses of today are the names which have come down from the days of 1849.

Three generations of merchants have been supplied with the needs of their trade from this Missouri River market, and the long record of achievement and the intensive cultivation of good will have kept St. Joseph in the forefront as a jobbing and manufacturing center.

St. Joseph as a home center has a most appealing quality to anyone who spends any time here. The friendships formed are so pleasant and the simple and unassuming manners of the people make the city an ideal home place in the truest sense of the word.

Millions of dollars have been spent in St. Joseph—just to make it easy and pleasant for our citizens to live in a



happy, wholesome way. Streets have been paved, sewers that are a wonder of the engineering world have been built, parks have been established and developed, public libraries opened in all sections of the city, a great Auditorium erected for the use of the public and beautiful, modern public schools built for the housing of the children.

It will be interesting to briefly note some of the city's achievements, thus affording ample evidence of the enterprise and courage of our citizens:

St. Joseph ranks first in the manufacture of school and writing tablets.

Has the largest winter wheat mill.

Has the largest pancake flour mill.

Has the largest mixed alfalfa feed mill.

Largest manufacturers of saddles, harness and collars.

Fourth in wholesale dry goods—first per capita.

Fifth in candy—first per capita. More than eleven million pounds manufactured in 1919.

Fifth in hardware—first per capita.

Has one Junior College, five High Schools and 33 grade schools—430 teachers.

Public school attendance in 1919, 14,681.

Has one Catholic College and ten Parochial Schools.

Has two Business Universities and one Veterinary College.

Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association.

Adequate hospitals and 91 churches.

St. Joseph is the central gateway to the entire West, and is truly the city worth while.

Has six trunk lines and two interurbans and ranks eighth in railroad mileage.

Ample supply of water of unquestionable purity. Daily capacity of 20,000,000 gallons. Average daily consumption of 11,350,000 gallons.

Street Railway Company has 15,356 light and power consumers, carried 24,957,836 passengers in 1919.

Has 14,841 telephones and 11,937 gas consumers.

Has 113 miles of paved streets.

Fifth largest live stock market in the United States, handling over one hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of stock yearly.

Over two thousand traveling salesmen carry the wares of St. Joseph market into every state in the Union.

### **St. Joseph as a Highway Center**

St. Joseph is the hub for the two most important highways of this entire section, being the intersection of the Jefferson Highway and the Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway.

The north and south highway is the Jefferson, the east and west highway is the Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway. No finer projects for "seeing America first" were ever devised.

The Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway was organized in St. Joseph.

The Jefferson Highway is the best organized and financed highway in the United States, and the initial money and—incidentally pep and enthusiasm—was largely furnished by the St. Joseph Automobile Club, and it has been the prime mover in the affairs of both the highways.

At the present time there is a well defined sentiment for establishing a free bridge at St. Joseph across the Missouri River. Up to this time there is not a free bridge across the Missouri River at Kansas City, St. Joseph or Omaha.

In that steadily increasing tide of motor travel across the continent the perfection of these two highways will see a majority of the tourists of the wheel using St. Joseph as the important mid-continent stop-over point.

A free camping ground has been provided for tourists adjoining Barlett Park on the south.

## Facts in Figures

For the information of many of our citizens, as well as for the benefit of future historians, the following figures, representing the business done in St. Joseph in 1919, is made a part of this record:

### Manufactured Products

Bakeries	\$ 896,486
Beverages	912,492
Boots and Shoes	2,570,000
Boxes and Barrels	951,313
Brick and Tile	175,601
Butter and Ice Cream	2,029,676
Candy	6,104,922
Cigars	5,046
Feed (mixed)	6,210,716
Flour and Milling	17,662,896
Foundries and Machine Shops	827,242
Furniture and Fixtures	1,081,902
Harness and Saddlery	2,318,000
Hats and Caps	234,871
Ice	380,752
Ice Cream Cones	688,600
Mill Work	915,000
Packing House Products	156,323,579
Printing and Publishing	3,801,198
Serum	350,000
Shirts and Work Clothes	5,989,104
Vinegar and Pickles	1,364,000
Miscellaneous	4,700,589

\$216,593,895

Capital employed, \$46,195,162.00; employees, male, 9,698; female, 4,555; payroll, \$311,000 average weekly

### Wholesaling

Automobiles and Accessories	\$ 1,586,077
Boots and Shoes	8,260,839
Butter and Poultry	3,329,425
Cigars	4,780,000
Coal	1,663,511
Crocks	3,034,816
Dry Goods	34,065,800
Electrical Supplies	989,493
Farm Machinery	1,614,000
Furniture	1,400,000
Grain	43,200,000
Groceries	15,955,000
Hay and Feed	3,296,412
Hardware	5,200,000
Hats and Caps	1,015,768
Hides and Wool	1,437,840

Lumber	840,000
Millinery	1,169,080
Oil and Gasoline	8,576,973
Paper and Stationery	1,600,000
Plumbing and Engine Room Supplies	959,618
Produce	4,061,288
Seeds	672,061
Wall Paper	354,894
Miscellaneous	2,665,910

\$151,728,800

Capital employed, \$24,473,755; employees, male, 3,246; female, 667; average weekly payroll, \$98,942

### Retailing

Automobiles	\$ 3,588,193
Automobile Tires and Accessories	2,275,088
Books and Stationery	168,749
Building Industry (Contracting, etc.)	3,489,252
Candy and Confectionery	300,000
Clothing	3,407,427
Cigars	339,762
Drugs	1,281,887
Department Stores and Dry Goods	8,014,174
Farm Machinery	149,575
Florists	304,000
Furniture	2,163,052
Groceries	6,219,938
Hardware	426,835
Hotels and Restaurants	2,574,983
Jewelry	779,064
Laundries and Dry Cleaners	700,447
Lumber, Building Material and Coal	3,320,898
Millinery	359,449
Photographers	158,511
Piano and Phonographs	596,969
Shoes	1,001,931
Stock Yards Co. (Feed and Service)	832,280
Tailoring and Dressmaking	755,276
Transfer, Storage and Livery	964,855
Undertakers	266,546
Wall Paper and Paint	403,567
Miscellaneous	2,308,268

\$ 47,141,076

### Grain Receipts

	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Total
1916	\$ 1,536,732	\$ 1,649,154	\$ 2,423,968	\$ 8,609,854
1917	3,000,583	8,683,668	3,437,500	15,121,751
1918	5,913,000	12,927,000	2,338,000	21,178,000
1919	13,993,500	6,763,500	1,854,000	22,611,000

Elevator capacity, 6,000,000; mill output, 9,000 barrels daily.



# Biographical

*"There is no more inspiring reading than a good biography. A life story speaks directly to other lives."*

WHILE this volume has told briefly of the pioneer days, and the development of St. Joseph, its real purpose is to afford one the privilege and pleasure of knowing the men of this day and age. The men who are prosecuting with the same indomitable spirit, though on a much larger scale, the work undertaken by the founder of St. Joseph; men whose names and labors—like Robidoux's—must be passed on to new generations. Men who are making St. Joseph in fact, as well as in name, The City Worth While.

Pleasure and satisfaction is enjoyed by the men whose lives are here recorded, because they have achieved. Courage will be renewed in the young man when he reads of the

years required to accomplish things worth while, and the generations which follow will receive an inspiration to take hold of the affairs of the city and prosecute the building of St. Joseph with all the vision and energy of their forefathers.

It is creditable to note the spirit of democracy in the St. Joseph of 1920. The get-together attitude of our citizens bespeaks untold possibilities for the development of the city. St. Joseph has been held above the strife of strikes and lockouts and the consequent loss to capital and labor.

To the young man who reads these lines let the thought be left that the competition of cities will grow stronger as the years roll by, and that it is imperative that he, too, make the fullest contribution to St. Joseph in order that the heritage left him may be capitalized to the fullest extent.





MR. WILLIAM ALBRECHT

**I** ATTRIBUTE success to hard work, and my hobby is hard work." This brief sentence by Mr. Albrecht explains how he reached his present position in the business life of our city. When he came to St. Joseph fifteen years ago from Quincy, Ill., to engage in the writing tablet business he was confronted with the usual difficulties incident to the establishing of an enterprise new to the people. It is needless to say that he surmounted them.

With his associates he succeeded in organizing a company with a capital stock of \$50,000, and the Western Tablet Company was started in a small way on South Fourth street with less than fifty employees. Mr. Albrecht was elected treasurer and manager. Ever since he has been the propelling force which has made the business expand by leaps and bounds. In 1909 the company erected a new plant on Mitchell avenue, extending from Eleventh to Twelfth streets, covering half a block of ground. A few years later the plant was doubled by increased buildings, but this did not provide adequate space, so plans were made for an entirely new building to be used in conjunction with the present plant, which is now under course of construction, and which will again double the production. It is directly across the street from the plant now used, and when completed will comprise six stories and basement. It will represent one of the finest and most modern factory buildings ever erected in St. Joseph.

The firm has developed into the largest manufacturers of school and writing tablets in the country, and the capital stock has been increased to one million two hundred thousand dollars. Because of manufacturing envelopes, fancy box stationery and loose leaf goods, in addition to tablets, the corporate name has been changed to the Western Tablet and Stationery Company, with Mr. Albrecht as the president. The company now employs 650 people, and when its new buildings are completed this number will be increased to 1,000 people. It conducts a national advertising campaign on its trade-marked brand, Hy-Tone, for writing tablets, envelopes and box stationery.

Mr. Albrecht is a native of Quincy, Ill., where he was born November 5, 1879. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Albrecht. After attending the schools of Quincy he



first engaged in the printing business, and later was employed by a tablet firm located in that city. It was in 1905 that he came to St. Joseph, and the Western Tablet Company was started in 1906.

In appreciation of his business success here Mr. Albrecht has become financially interested in a number of St. Joseph enterprises. He is president of the Duro Trunk and Bag Company, a director of the Burnes National Bank, and is a director in other well-known institutions. He is president of the newly organized St. Joseph Athletic Club, and

is a member of the Commerce Club. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club and Green Hills Golf Club. In his fraternal affiliation he is a Mason and an Elk. His church association is Methodist, while politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Albrecht was married at Quincy, Ill., October 8, 1903, to Miss Lena Bloom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bloom. Two children have been born to them, a daughter and a son, Ardu M. and William B. Albrecht.

The Albrecht home is No. 2507 Francis street.





JUDGE THOMAS BUFORD ALLEN

**B**EFORE his election, in 1894, as Circuit Judge (Division No. 1, Sixth Judicial Circuit), Judge Allen had practiced law in St. Joseph for twenty-one years, and was, therefore, well qualified for the bench. He is a native of Missouri, having been born at Fredericktown, March 26, 1868. His father, Judge N. B. Allen, was a native of Tennessee, but at the age of 5 years settled with his father, John Allen, in Madison County, Missouri. He died while serving his sixth term as probate judge of that county. Judge Thomas B. Allen's mother, Sarah (Bollinger) Allen, was of the pioneer family of Bollingers, which early settled in southeast Missouri, and after whom Bollinger County was named.

Judge Allen was educated in the public schools of Fredericktown and the State University at Columbia, Mo. Later he entered the Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., taking up the study of law. He received from this institution the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1892, and Master of Law in 1893. He engaged in the practice of his profession in St. Joseph in 1893.

For eleven years Judge Allen was lecturer on medical jurisprudence in Ensworth Medical College of this city. He established the St. Joseph Law School in 1913, and is dean of the school, with ten instructors. In 1906 he was appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri a member of the State Board of Law Examiners, which position he resigned in 1914. The same year he was elected circuit judge of Buchanan County to fill an unexpired term of Judge W. D. Rusk, deceased, ending December 31, 1916. Though nominated as a Democrat the Republicans did not run any candidate against him in the general election. In November, 1915, he was again elected for the full term of six years, receiving his nomination by the Democrats without opposition.

Judge Allen is an active Democrat, having served as member of the state, county and city committees, and attended state, county and city conventions as a delegate. He is a Scottish rite Mason, receiving the 32d degree, and is a





Shriner. His church association is with the Methodist Episcopal, South.

On November 10, 1893, Judge Allen was married to Miss Emma Hunter, daughter of Judge Joseph Hunter, at New Madrid, Mo. Mrs. Allen died March 20, 1903. Two chil-

dren were born of this union, J. Hunter Allen and T. B. Allen, Jr. By a second marriage to Miss Grace Tillery of Gower, Mo., September 4, 1905, three children have been born: Elizabeth, Eugene Francis and David Robert.

Judge Allen's home is on Frederick Avenue Road.





MR. JOSEPH ANTON ANISER

FOR a number of years Mr. Aniser has been gaining prominence as a mail-order merchant. His success can be judged by the simple statement that his business now requires thirty times the floor space needed at the start, and that fifty thousand catalogs of three hundred pages are being sent to the trade where, but a short time ago, three or four thousand of half the size filled the bill.

Mr. Aniser was born in St. Joseph, February 20, 1866, son of Anton and Katherine (Schlund) Aniser. His father was a harnessmaker and Joseph gained much knowledge about the various kinds of leather and the making of harness when a boy.

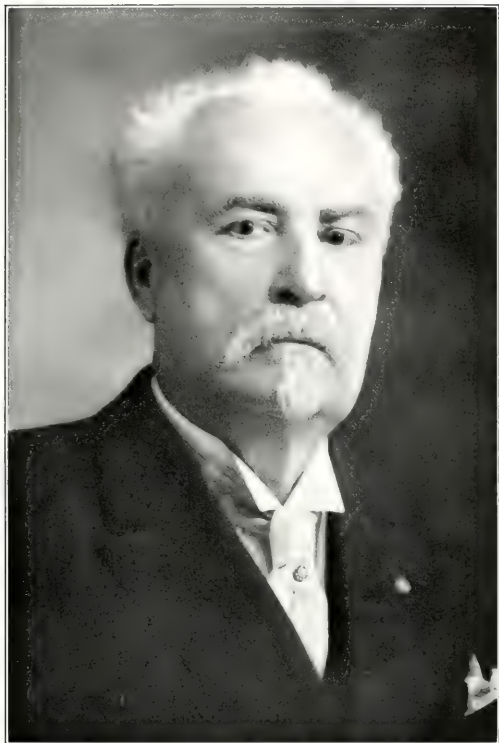
When his school days were over Mr. Aniser took a position as order clerk with the Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Company in the harness and saddlery department. Later he became a traveling salesman for the firm. In 1902 he bought the retail harness business of Schnaitman Brothers, and this proved to be the initial move toward the establishment of his present big mail order business. His first efforts were confined to the harness line, but the demands of his customers prompted him to expand until now, like other first-class mail-order concerns, it is anything from a paper of pins to a threshing machine. The firm name is the Aniser Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Aniser is the sole owner.

Commercial and civic affairs of his home city have always claimed Mr. Aniser's attention. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club and the Highlands Golf and Country Club. His association with secret societies is limited to the Knights of Columbus, and he is a member of the Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Aniser was married October 22, 1902, at Mount Clemens, Mich., to Euphrasia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Acker of that city. A daughter, Regina Aniser, is the only child of this marriage.

The Aniser home is No. 2316 North Twenty-second street.





DR. ARTILEUS V. BANES

IT IS fifty-two years since Dr. Banes commenced the practice of medicine in St. Joseph. The record enjoyed by him is unusual, and he has the further distinction of being the oldest practitioner in the city from the point of continuous service. Dr. Banes was born near Zanesville, Ohio, February 19, 1845. He received his primary education in Zanesville. When 13 years of age he came to St. Joseph in company with his stepfather, the late Judge John A. Dolman. He was tutored in a classical course in the school taught by Prof. E. B. Neeley.

In 1860 Dr. Banes went to Denver. He later moved to Montana, where he was successful in mining, being among the first to settle in Alder Gulch, near Virginia City. Returning to St. Joseph in 1864 he read medicine in the office of Dr. E. B. Forsee, and later entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated in 1868. He immediately began the practice of his profession in St. Joseph and continues it at this time.

Dr. Banes has been associated with many of the early enterprises in the city. Eugene Field wove his name into the poem entitled "The St. Jo. Gazette," and the poet was one of his devoted friends. Dr. Banes has always been prominent in the ranks of the medical profession, and is widely known as a successful and skilled practitioner. As a citizen he is loved and respected by all who know him. He was married in Philadelphia in March, 1873, to Miss Bessie Davis. Dr. Banes is a Mason and a Shriner.





MR. JOHN OZBERT BARKLEY

ENTERING the service of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company as telegraph operator at Lexington, Mo., in 1878, Mr. Barkley steadily climbed the ladder of service until his promotion to general agent in St. Joseph was reached. Railroadng knew no eight-hour day and train equipment was crude compared to the present time when Mr. Barkley began his career. A capacity and willingness to serve, coupled with his very thorough way of doing things, has contributed largely to his success.

Mr. Barkley was born January 14, 1862, at Marshall, Mo., son of J. C. and Elizabeth (Miller) Barkley. His father was a native of Jessamine County, Kentucky, and his mother was born at Staunton, Virginia. He was educated at Marshall and Lexington, Mo.

In 1892 Mr. Barkley came to St. Joseph in the capacity of local freight agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company. A few years later he was promoted to commercial agent, and from commercial agent to general agent. He continued in this position until January 1, 1914, when he became vice-president and general manager of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, president of the St. Joseph Belt Railway Company, and president of the St. Joseph Warehouse and Cold Storage Company, the positions which he now occupies.

In affairs concerning the good of the community Mr. Barkley has had a full part. For four years he was a member of the city council, being elected in 1902. He was chairman of the Council of Defense of Buchanan County during the period of the war, and has responded when and where his services were needed.

He is a director in the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank, St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal, St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, St. Joseph Warehouse and Cold Storage Company, Grain Belt Mills, and the St. Joseph Cattle Loan Company.

Mr. Barkley is a Mason and an Elk. He has received all the degrees in the York rite branch of Masonry, and is a life member of the Shrine. His political efforts are Democratic, but along independent lines. His church affiliation is with the Baptist denomination, while socially





he holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club. He enjoys golf and is fond of hunting.

On March 19, 1891, Mr. Barkley was married at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Maggie, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Penn. Mrs. Barkley's father was a noted Baptist evangelist. Five children have been born of this union: Evander P. Barkley, married Betty Ellis; John O.

Barkley, Jr., married Mary Peterson; Atwell S. Barkley, single; Mildred, married G. H. Vineyard, and Frances Barkley, single.

The ancestral line of the Barkley family is traceable to England. The first Barkleys in this country settled in Virginia.

The Barkley home is No. 3724 St. Joseph avenue.





MR. HERSCHEL BARTLETT

ONE would speak of Mr. Bartlett as the type of man who preaches a better sermon with his life than with his lips. Now, as throughout his long residence in St. Joseph, he is fulfilling every obligation of citizenship, and it seems appropriate to say of him that one of his great gifts bestowed on others is a good example.

Herschel Bartlett is a native of Ripley County, Ind. He was born November 23, 1841, son of David and Phoebe (Ellsworth) Bartlett. His father was a native of New York; his mother was born in Ohio. Mr. Bartlett was raised on a farm and participated in all the activities of farm life until he was 18 years old. He received his education in the schools of Indiana.

When St. Joseph was the distributing point for the overland mail, in 1860, Mr. Bartlett had charge of the distribution department in the local postoffice. The methods of handling the mail then as compared with the present-day fully equipped postoffice on wheels, is simply another evidence of the wonderful march of progress.

Upon retiring from the postoffice Mr. Bartlett and his brothers engaged in the buying and selling of real estate, which resulted, finally, in the organization of the Bartlett Brothers Investment Company, and later the Bartlett Brothers Land and Loan Company, an institution which has grown to be the largest of its kind in the country. Mr. Bartlett is now president of both these companies, and is also a director of the Bartlett Trust Company, one of St. Joseph's very successful financial institutions.

Mr. Bartlett has always been a public-spirited man, though unassuming in his manner of doing things. He is a member of the Commerce Club and the St. Joseph Country Club. Politically he is a Republican. His church association is with the Westminster Presbyterian as elder, of which he and his devoted wife are members of long standing.

Mr. Bartlett was married in St. Joseph, July 23, 1883, to Miss Emily P. Nye, daughter of James A. and Emily (Soule) Nye. Mr. Nye came to St. Joseph in 1865, and



was for a long time engaged in the abstract business, later entering the service of the postoffice department in St. Joseph as assistant postmaster.

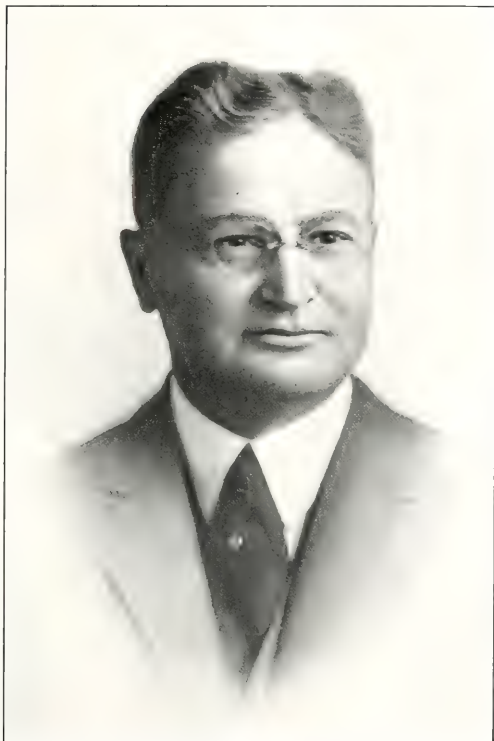
Mrs. Bartlett is very prominent and active in religious and charitable work, and is now president of the Ladies' Union Benevolent Association, having for its object the direction and care of the Home for Little Wanderers and the Memorial Home for the Aged. Mrs. Bartlett is a mem-

ber of the Daughters of the Revolution and of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, and is a direct descendant of John Alden and George Soule.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have an adopted son, Philip C. K. Bartlett, who married Miss Margaret Ball of Watertown, N. Y., and they have one child, Herschel Bartlett, Second.

The Bartlett home is No. 537 North Eighth street.





MR. CHARLES AUGUST BATTREALL

PUTTING into practice a literal interpretation of Elbert Hubbard's motto for success, which calls for 98 per cent perspiration and 2 per cent inspiration, Mr. Battreall has made a wonderful demonstration of the truth contained therein. Furthermore, he believes in making a study of your business. He has never tried any other line, but worked hard to make the shoe business a success. From clerk in a retail shoe store at \$7 per week to the presidency of a million two hundred thousand dollar corporation is a long road, but Mr. Battreall has traveled it.

Charles August Battreall was born at Muncie, Ind., September 12, 1868, son of Vincent W. and Elizabeth (Northcutt) Battreall, early settlers of that section. The family removed to Falls City, Neb., when Charles was a boy. Upon completion of his schooling in Falls City he took a position with a retail shoe firm for a while, and then came to St. Joseph in 1884, entering the Ritner Commercial College for a business course.

He first accepted employment with Fred Wenz, retail shoe merchant. In the fall of 1888 he entered the wholesale house of Tootle, Hosea & Co. in the capacity of road salesman, covering western Kansas and then Colorado. Later he opened up for his firm all the territory west of Colorado to the Pacific coast. In 1891 he was called off the road to take charge of the shoe department, in which position he served until December, 1902, when the Battreall-Whittinghill Shoe Company was formed and Mr. Battreall and his associates purchased the shoe department of Tootle, Hosea & Co., locating at 117 South Third street. In 1906 the new firm erected the building they now occupy at Fourth and Jule streets, and in 1916 built an addition, extending the building to cover a full block on Jule street, from Fourth to Third streets, a length of three hundred feet. The company is now provided with a modern seven-story factory building, covering 104,000 square feet of floor space, and affording every convenience for the economical handling of business and with ample comfort to employees. Mr. Whittinghill retired from the firm in 1905 and the corporate name was then changed to the Battreall Shoe Company. The business began with a capital stock of \$125,000.





The present capitalization is \$1,200,000. The company employs forty odd salesmen, covering the territory embracing the South to Florida, north into Minnesota and west to the coast.

Mr. Battreall is interested in a number of St. Joseph enterprises. He is a director in the Morris Plan Bank Company and the Specialty Shoe Machinery Company. He is a member of both the York and Scottish rite branches of Freemasonry, and is a Shriner, being Past Potentate of Moila Temple. He is also an Elk. For diversion Mr. Battreall enjoys the game of billiards. He has membership in a number of social and business organizations, including the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club,

Green Hills Golf Club, Commerce Club, Athletic Club, Automobile Club and the Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Battreall was married in St. Joseph, October 23, 1897, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Calkins. Both parents of Mrs. Battreall were pioneer school teachers in St. Joseph. Two daughters and one son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Battreall—Elizabeth, a graduate of Columbia University, New York City, and Esther and Raymond, who are now students at the same school attended by their sister, and from which both will soon graduate.

The Battreall home is No. 924 North Twenty-fourth street.





MR. EDGAR F. BEASLEY

**G**RADUATING from the University of Missouri in June, 1894, Mr. Beasley entered the grocery business, which he followed for six years. He then engaged in the wholesale poultry and egg business, continuing until August, 1903, when he became interested in the laundry business, and has since devoted his entire time and attention to that industry. He is president of both the Nuway Laundry Company and the Pearl Steam Laundry Company of St. Joseph, and a member of the executive committee of the Missouri State Laundry Owners' Association. He is also a past president of this association, filling the office in 1916-1917.

Mr. Beasley is a native Missourian, the date and place of his birth being Woodlandville, December 18, 1871. His father, Noah Beasley, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, February 21, 1829, and removed to Missouri in 1857. On January 19, 1860, he was married to Permelia J. Wayland. Eight children were born of this union, six of whom are living.

Mr. Beasley was always a farmer and a successful one. He died December 9, 1897, at Columbia, Mo., and was buried there. His widow, who still lives at Columbia, was born in Missouri, September 19, 1843. She is a sturdy, Christian mother, and grandmother of seventeen children.

Mr. E. F. Beasley was educated in the public schools of Missouri before entering the State University, where he received the degrees of B. S. and P. E. B.

Born and raised a Democrat, Mr. Beasley has always supported the ticket which in his judgment stood for the best interests of all the people, both state and nation.

Always taking a part in the general welfare of St. Joseph, Mr. Beasley holds membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Athletic Club, and is a member of the State Historical Society.

His hobby, if such it might be called, is close attention to business and a deep interest in the uplift of humanity,



having a special concern in the betterment of living and social conditions. Mr. Beasley contends that he is just getting old enough to play golf.

He is a member of the Francis Street Methodist Church, a member of the Board of Stewards and lay leader of the church. For many years he was a Sunday school teacher.

On November 19, 1896, at Columbia, Mo., Mr. Beasley

was married to Harriet N., daughter of W. W. Conger. Two children, Angeline M., and William Conger Beasley, have been born of this marriage.

Mrs. Beasley's father is dead, being buried in Arlington Cemetery, Virginia. Her mother lives in Seattle. Ten of the twelve children born to them are living.

The Beasley home is No. 1712 South Twenty-fourth street.





RABBI LOUIS BERNSTEIN

RABBI LOUIS BERNSTEIN was born November 15, 1882, at New Albany, Ind. His parents, Jacob and Bertha (Cohen) Bernstein, emigrated to the United States in 1865. They now live in Omaha, Neb. Rabbi Bernstein attended the public schools of Omaha. Later he was enrolled at the Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where, in 1901, he was the winner of the E. Cort Williams medal for oratory. He then entered the University of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1905, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. A year later the degree of Rabbi was conferred on him by the Hebrew Union College.

After receiving this degree, in 1906, Rabbi Bernstein came to St. Joseph, accepting a call from the Temple Adath Joseph. Since that time he has been a real and helpful part of St. Joseph's community life. He has not confined his labors to his own congregation, but has freely given of himself to the entire community. His voice has been heard and his influence felt in behalf of civic betterment at every opportunity. It was while he was at the head of the welfare committee of the Commerce Club that our public welfare board and our federated charities were conceived and organized. These two organizations more than any other one thing have given St. Joseph a standing among the cities of the country which are trying to do something for the down-and-out. The present community center is an outgrowth of the welfare board.

Rabbi Bernstein also served for several years on the state board of charities and corrections, under Governor Hadley. In this position he did most excellent service for the entire state. As a member of the library board he took great interest in developing the service of that institution along practical lines. He was vice-president and acting president of the board for a number of years from 1908.

He has been president of the boy scout organization, the anti-tuberculosis society, the Federated Jewish Charities, and the St. Joseph Federation of Philanthropy. He was chairman of the county four-minute men, and in much





demand as a speaker. When the French mission visited the midwest Rabbi Bernstein made the address of welcome at Kansas City.

In 1918 he was president of the Missouri Conference of Social Workers, and is one of the directors of the association. He is also a director of the Morris Plan Bank of St. Joseph.

It was, of course, in his chosen field of labor, however, where Rabbi Bernstein did his most excellent work. When he came to St. Joseph his congregation occupied an old building on North Sixth street. Soon a new and beautiful temple was erected at Seventeenth and Felix, and the same has now been entirely freed of debt.

Rabbi Bernstein is a 32nd degree Mason, a K. C. C. H., and a Shriner. He is a member of the Independent Order Bnai Brith and the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

The physical man is not overlooked, for Rabbi Bernstein attends the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class and plays volley ball regularly; he plays tennis and plays at golf, and is especially fond of walking.

He was married in St. Joseph, June 4, 1917, to Fannie, daughter of Mrs. E. Steiner. A daughter, Ruth Eleanor, age 16 months, has been born to them.

[Rabbi Bernstein has accepted a call to the pulpit of Har Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, Md., which he will occupy in October].





MR. CHARLES ROSER BERRY

**T**HOUGH a native of Texas, Mr. Berry has lived in St. Joseph since early childhood. He was born in Collins County, Texas, February 27, 1864, son of George D. and Elizabeth (Dysart) Berry. His father was a Virginian, and his mother a native of Kentucky.

Educated in the schools of St. Joseph, Mr. Berry began his business career in the office of the old Morning Herald, then located at the northeast corner of Second and Francis streets. Possessing a natural impulse to enter the railroad world he abandoned the newspaper field to accept a position with the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad Company as operator at the round house in St. Joseph. Later he was operator for the St. Joseph & Des Moines road (narrow gauge). Both of these lines are now a part of the Burlington system. In January, 1886, Mr. Berry went with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company in the traffic department, in which position he remained until August 1, 1888. His success in this field proved him to be the man wanted by the Chicago, Great Western Railroad Company, which was just entering St. Joseph. He was tendered the position of agent, and accepted it August 1, 1888. On January 1, 1889, he was promoted to the position of general southwestern agent, and has been continuously in the service of this corporation ever since, occupying at this time the position of assistant general freight agent.

Mr. Berry was among the first to possess an automobile in St. Joseph, which was just about the time he entered the service of the Great Western, and so zealous was he for business in his new position that, 'tis said, he almost established a precedent for the railroads calling for freight.

Always manifesting the highest degree of interest in St. Joseph's commercial affairs, Mr. Berry has at times gone beyond what might be reasonably expected of any man in his efforts to secure advantages for the business men of the city.

Mr. Berry is president of the Union Depot Company



and vice-president of the Leavenworth Terminal and Bridge Company. He is a supporter of the Boy Scout movement and is a director of the local organization. As a director of the Automobile Club he has participated in its efforts to increase the membership and secure better high-

ways. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club, and the Sons of the Revolution.

Mr. Berry is a bachelor. His home, "The Pines," is on Ashland Boulevard, where he finds recreation in cultivating a 17-acre city farm.





MR. WILLIAM A. BODENHAUSEN

BORN in St. Joseph, October 25, 1870, Mr. Bodenhausen very early in life committed himself to the interests of his home city. His parents, August W. and Catherine (Koch) Bodenhausen, were born in Germany, but came to this country when about fourteen years of age. The Koch family settled in Iowa, and the Bodenhausens came to St. Joseph, where they have held a continuous residence for fifty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Bodenhausen were married in St. Joseph, and five children were born to them, Wm. A. being the first child. The elder Bodenhausen worked for only two men in his lifetime. He died January 16, 1915, at the age of sixty-nine. His widow survives him.

Wm. A. Bodenhausen attended the public schools of St. Joseph, completing his studies at the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He then entered the employ of the wholesale firm of Brittain & Richardson Dry Goods Company, where he continued for fifteen years.

In 1903 he engaged in the retail clothing business, which was the beginning of the present Derge-Bodenhausen Clothing Company, of which he is now the secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bodenhausen has given freely of his time to public affairs, often responding to the call of duty at a sacrifice to his own business.

For two years, 1898-99, he represented his ward (the First), in the city council. He was elected a member of the first Board of Public Works, and when the law was changed to make that body appointive he was honored by again becoming a member under the mayor's appointment for a term of three years. After serving two years he resigned.

At one time Mr. Bodenhausen was third vice-president of the Commerce Club, directing the retail division. Later he was a director of this organization for two years.

In 1918 he was elected president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and is now one of the directors of the association. During the world war he was active





in the Red Cross and bond drives, heavy claims being made on his time.

Mr. Bodenhausen enjoys the distinction of being the first president of the St. Joseph Rotary Club. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, having served as trustee in 1917, and was elected exalted ruler of the Order in 1918. Other societies to which he belongs are the Masons, being a Shriner; Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Moose.

He is a member of of the Y. M. C. A., having served three years as a director; the Highlands Golf and Country

Club, St. Joseph Automobile Club and the St. Joseph Athletic Club.

Politically, Mr. Bodenhausen is a Republican, and he has been a consistent and earnest supporter of his party. He is a member of the Trinity M. E. Church.

Mr. Bodenhausen was married in St. Joseph, September 15, 1903, to Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauman, old residents of the city. Mr. Bauman, in the early '60s, was a manufacturer of wagons in St. Joseph.

The Bodenhausen home is No. 2521 Felix street.





MR. FRANK A. BODER

**F**RANK A. BODER, president of the Missouri Valley Trust Company, was born in Anthony, Kansas, January 21, 1887, son of Louis and Fannie M. (Quimby) Boder. His grandfather, Henry Boder, came to St. Joseph in 1844, and built two houses, one log and one frame, which were among the first erected here. His father was born in St. Joseph and was one of the pioneer bankers of this locality. He first entered the banking business at Troy, Kansas, in 1870, and later became president of the Merchants Bank of this city, which position he held at the time of his death in 1907.

Frank A. Boder was educated in the St. Joseph High School and Yale University, graduating from the latter institution in 1908. Soon after he entered the employ of the Merchants Bank, and was later connected with the First National Bank. When the Morris Plan Company was organized he was elected its first treasurer and manager, which position he resigned to enlist in the military service during the world war. Upon his return to St. Joseph he and his associates bought the Missouri Valley Trust Company, Mr. Boder becoming its president, which position he now occupies.

Mr. Boder carries membership in the Country Club, Benton Club, Elks Club, Rotary Club and other organizations. He is a York rite Mason and also a Shriner. He makes his home with his mother, No. 2649 Frederick avenue.









MR. JOHN S. BRITTAIN, JR.

ENTERING the employ of the John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company in September, 1896, as order filler in the dry goods department, Mr. Brittain is today the executive head of the institution.

Mr. Brittain was born in St. Joseph, October 23, 1874, son of John Sherrard and Susan Mary (Turner) Brittain. His father was born in Belvidere, New Jersey, November 30, 1841, and came to Missouri about 1858, first engaging in the mercantile business at Forest City. He founded the house of Brittain-Ovelman & Co., wholesale dry goods, at St. Joseph in 1874, which in 1877 was changed to John S. Brittain & Co. In 1882 the style name was changed to Brittain-Richardson & Co., and moved to the present location, Fourth and Jule streets, where a new building had just been completed. Upon the withdrawal of Mr. Richardson from the firm in 1889 the name was changed to Brittain-Smith & Co. When Mr. Smith went to Kansas City, in 1892, as founder of the Smith-McCord Dry Goods Company the corporation became the John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company. Mr. Brittain was president of the St. Joseph Fair Association, organized in 1892, and in many ways was identified with the early progress of the city. He was married at Forest City, Mo., January 5, 1865, his wife being a niece of R. E. Turner, senior member of the Turner-Frazer Mercantile Company of St. Joseph. Mr. Brittain died December 11, 1917.

The junior Brittain attended the public schools of St. Joseph, graduating from the High School in 1892. He prepared for college at Hill School at Pottstown, Pa., and entered Yale, where he took honors or received honorable mention in his junior and senior years. From this college he graduated in 1896, receiving the degree of B. A.

Returning to St. Joseph he began his career in the dry goods trade, first as order filler, then as house salesman, and from 1905 to 1909 was special road salesman. In 1909 he took charge of the city sales, and three years later was





elected treasurer. In April of the present year (1920), upon the death of Mr. R. W. Powell, he was elected president. Mr. Powell had been president since 1916, when the senior Brittain withdrew from active business and became chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Brittain is a director of the Empire Trust Company. He is prominent in social and active in business organizations, being a member of the Benton Club, Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country, Highlands Golf and Country and Green Hills Golf Clubs, Elks Club, Old Colony Club, Sons of the Revolution and Psi Upsilon Fraternity at Yale.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brittain is unmarried. He lives at the Benton Club.

The original Brittain in this country came to New Jersey in the eighteenth century, and located near Trenton. The capitol of New Jersey stands on ground given to the state for that purpose by an ancestor, Joseph Brittain. Mr. Brittain's great grandfather served as minuteman in the New Jersey militia during the Revolutionary War. On his mother's side his great, great grandfather, Hezekiah Turner, was paymaster of the Third Virginia during the Revolutionary War.





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**N**O DOUBT Mr. Brown will corroborate the truth of the statement made by Daniel Webster that "a man can never gallop over the fields of law on Pegasus, nor fly across them on the wing of oratory. If he would be a great lawyer he must first consent to become a great drudge." Modest men are dumb on their own merits, but the St. Joseph Bar and the people of our community recognize in Mr. Brown a man of talent, a successful lawyer, a foremost and worthy citizen.

Robert Alexander Brown was born in Dyer County, Tenn., November 30, 1863. His parents, Levi G. and Keturah Ann Brown, were born in Raleigh, N. C., and both moved to Tennessee before marriage. Both parents are living and are possessed of unusual mental and physical strength. The father is 85 and the mother 83 years of age.

Mr. Brown was educated at Baptist College, Pierce City, Mo., and the University of Missouri. He graduated from the Law Department of the University of Missouri in June, 1889, receiving the degree of LL. B. Immediately after obtaining this degree he came to St. Joseph and has practiced the profession of law here ever since. His success is slightly indicated by the fact that he is counsel for many large corporations. He is now, and has been since 1891, counsel for the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power Company; is general attorney for the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway Company (since 1902); and attorney for the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company for the past ten years. For many years Mr. Brown has been counsel for The Tootle Estate and the Tootle-Lacy National Bank and other large institutions, including Swift & Company, Armour & Company and Morris & Company in the city of St. Joseph, all of which he represents at this time. For the past four years he has been engaged in extensive and important gas and oil litigation for the Doherty interests in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and elsewhere. Mr. Brown has served as a director in the Missouri Valley Trust Company, the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power Company, the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway



Company and other enterprises in St. Joseph and vicinity. Although born and reared a Democrat, his political views are not fixed in a partisan way. He has taken no active part in politics, but probably would admit at this time having evolved into a Republican. Mr. Brown's affiliation with secret societies has been confined to college fraternities. He is a member of Beta Theta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. His church association is with the Christ Episcopal Church, of which his wife and family are members.

Mr. Brown has rendered valuable service to many St. Joseph organizations. He was chairman of the St. Joseph Chapter of the American Red Cross during the war. He was president of the Benton Club for a number of years; also president of the St. Joseph Country Club for some years. He has given freely of his time and energy in behalf of municipal affairs and his counsel has aided in bringing about numerous reforms.

On his twenty-ninth birthday, November 30, 1892, Mr. Brown was married at Columbia, Mo., to Miss Mary Guitar, daughter of General and Mrs. Odon Guitar. General Guitar was in command of the Union forces in St. Joseph during a good part of the Civil war. He was one of Missouri's

ablest lawyers and an orator of much renown. Mrs. Brown's mother was Katherine L. Leonard, a daughter of Judge Leonard, formerly chief justice of the supreme court of Missouri. Inheriting the qualifications of a general and acquiring the wisdom of a judge, Mrs. Brown has combined with them her wide scope of knowledge and untiring energy to the extent that for a number of years she has rendered invaluable service to our city and endeared herself to the hearts of the whole community. The activities in which she has engaged in behalf of St. Joseph are numerous, and each and every one of them have had for its object the welfare of some worthy cause or institution.

Three children, two sons and a daughter, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Robert A. Brown, Jr., aged 21; H. Templeton Brown, aged 18, and Jeanette Brown, aged 16. The sons graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and are now both at Yale. The daughter is attending Mrs. Dow's School, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

Mr. Brown's chief recreation is with his family and, in season, working in the garden. He is especially fond of flowers, and his home place, No. 519 North Eighth street, furnishes evidence of his delight in cultivating them.







MR. A. J. BRUNSWIG

On June 11, 1886, he was married to Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rothschild of Leavenworth, Kansas. The Rothschilds were early settlers in Leavenworth, but later moved to Kansas City, Mo.

Four children have been born of this marriage: Elsa, married to C. W. Geis of St. Joseph; Anne, now Mrs. Samuel R. Block of Chicago; Albert J., Jr., in business with his father, and Harold Philip, who is connected with several Missouri farms owned by his father.

The Brunswick home is No. 2101 Francis street.

Fraternally, he is prominent and active in the Masonic group, in fact he is one of the leading forces in the Association, member Charity Lodge, Mitchell Chapter, St. Joseph, Mo. He has also conferred on him the 32nd degree in Scottish Rite Masonry.

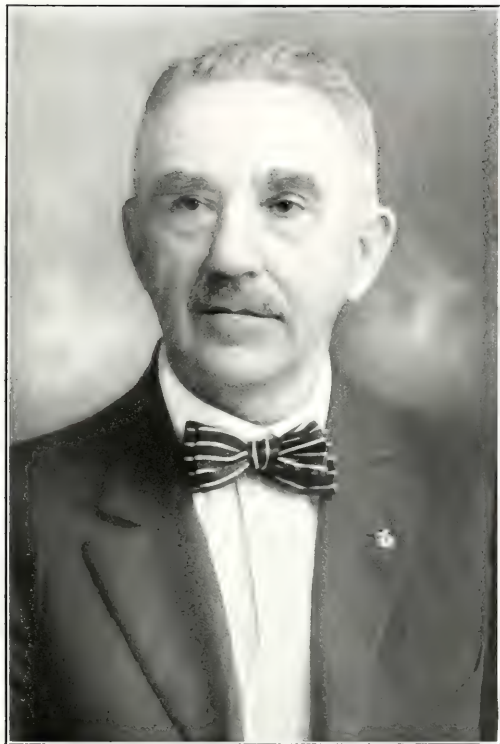
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ONE of the most active in securing for St. Joseph the present Grain Exchange was Mr. A. J. Brunswig, and after its organization he continued to serve the Exchange in the official role of president for three consecutive terms. Having been engaged in the wholesale grain business in St. Joseph for twenty-seven years Mr. Brunswig could well appreciate the advantages offered as a grain market, and the success of the Exchange here is but a verification of his good judgment.

Mr. Brunswig is a native of France, where he was born October 17, 1852, at Montmedy. His parents, Daniel and Rosalie Brunswig, came to this country in 1867, settling at Atchison, Kansas. He was educated in Lycee, Imperial of Metz, Department Meuse.

In 1871 A. J. Brunswig moved to Beattie, Kansas, engaging in the general merchandise and grain business. Desiring a larger field for operation he came to St. Joseph in 1893, establishing a wholesale grain business. In this venture he has been very successful.

He is a member and director of the Commerce Club, manifesting a deep interest in the affairs of the city, and is a director of the St. Joseph Grain Exchange. While not active in politics, Mr. Brunswig is a Republican, and has an abiding faith in the party.

Fraternally, he is prominent and active in the Masonic order. He is a director of the St. Joseph Masonic Temple Association, member Charity Lodge, Mitchell Chapter, St. Joseph Council, Hugh de Payens Commandery and is a Shriner; also he has had conferred on him the 32nd degree in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Mr. Brunswig is a member of the St. Joseph Country Club.

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The Brunswig home is No. 2404 Francis street.





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THE medical profession of St. Joseph has been greatly strengthened by the coming of Dr. A. E. Burgher. He has proved himself a most earnest and conscientious practitioner during his more than nine years' residence in the city.

Dr. Burgher is a native of Iowa, having been born at Monterey, January 24, 1877. He is the son of Albert and Sadie (Henson) Burgher. His father, a native of Kentucky, went to Iowa in 1849. He died when Dr. Burgher was 18 months old. His mother, also an early settler in the State of Iowa, was born in Virginia. She, too, died when our subject was 5 years of age. Dr. Burgher was then raised and educated by his grandparents.

He acquired his first interest in medicine by association with Dr. J. A. Tadlock of Coatesville, Mo. There was objection to his taking up a professional career, the family being committed to commercial pursuits. However, he won his point and began the study of his profession in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and was associated with Dr. A. B. Hughes throughout his stay in that city. Later he went to Chicago, and after his graduation attended clinics, from time to time, in the various medical centers. In 1902 he located in Dawson, Neb. Returning to Chicago in 1910-11 for post work he was induced to move to St. Joseph, which he did in July, 1911. His special training in surgery enabled him to assist Dr. Jacob Geiger, with whom he was associated for two years, on numerous occasions. With his own knowledge and experience, coupled with an unlimited capacity for work, he was not long in becoming well established in his practice, in which he now specializes in abdominal surgery and diseases of women.

Fraternally, Dr. Burgher is a 32d degree Mason, a Shriner, and is a member of other fraternal bodies. He is a member of the Commerce Club, manifesting an interest in the city's commercial development, and holds membership in the Highlands Golf and Green Hills Country Clubs. Politically he is a Democrat and religiously a Baptist.

On November 3, 1899, Dr. Burgher was married to Miss Pearl J. Guinn, daughter of John C. Guinn of Coats-





ville, Mo. Mrs. Burgher's parents were among the very early settlers in Northern Missouri. Her father was a merchant in Coatsville for a number of years. He met his death in a railroad accident. One child, Arthur E., Jr., has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Burgher.

Dr. Burgher's ancestors came to this country before the Revolutionary war, locating in Virginia and later emi-

grating to Kentucky. His grandfather, together with an older brother, left Kentucky and settled in Davis County, Iowa, in 1819, at which time Indians were the chief inhabitants, and wild game was in abundance. His grandfather lived to the age of 82 years.

The Burgher home is No. 1708 South Twenty-fourth street.









MR. CALVIN C. BURNES

IT is natural for the son to follow in the footsteps of his father. Accordingly, Mr. Burnes has chosen the banking business. In June, 1915, he became associated with the Burnes National Bank—an institution of which his father was president and founder. By careful application, aided by an inherited liking for the work, he has been promoted to the position of assistant cashier and director.

Mr. Burnes is a native of St. Joseph, the date of his birth being March 26, 1893. His father, Mr. Lewis C. Burnes, was one of the leading bankers and financiers in St. Joseph, being largely interested in the Water Company, and was president of the Granby Mining and Smelting Company, a big Missouri corporation, with headquarters in St. Louis. His mother was a daughter of William H. Collins, prominent in the affairs of the city in the earlier days.

Mr. Burnes attended the public schools of St. Joseph, graduating from the Central High School. Later he entered a preparatory school at Andover, Massachusetts, and completed his education at Yale.

In 1917 Mr. Burnes entered the military service in the cause of his country, enlisting in the Motor Transport Corps. In six months he was placed in charge of the finance office at Newport News, and later was assigned to the field artillery, from which service he was mustered out December 6, 1918.

The church association of Mr. Burnes is with the Francis Street Methodist Episcopal, his parents having been members and active supporters of this church.

Mr. Burnes' grandfather, the late James N. Burnes, was a member of Congress for several years from the St. Joseph district, being elected on the Democratic ticket. The political views of the grandson are, likewise, Democratic.

Mr. Burnes is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and an Elk. In social organizations he holds membership in a number of clubs, among them being the St. Joseph Country Club, Highland Golf Club and Green Hills Golf Club.

Mr. Burnes belongs to the younger set of business men, on whose shoulders will rest the future development of the great commercial and industrial affairs of St. Joseph.

The Burnes home is No. 1923 Francis street.





MR. ROBERT LEE CAMPBELL

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ENGAGING with the wholesale dry goods firm of Tootle, Craig & Co. in 1877, Mr. Campbell began his merchandising career in the shipping room, where the goods were packed. The knowledge gained in this humble beginning has often proved of great value to him in the conduct of his business.

Mr. Campbell was born in St. Joseph, August 28th, 1861, son of Charles W. and Sarah (Jones) Campbell. It might be said that he belongs to a family of merchants, since various members of the family have been engaged solely in the merchandising line.

His father, Charles W. Campbell, entered the dry goods field in St. Joseph in 1849, first in the capacity of clerk for Donnell, Saxton & Duval. Later he was associated with Tootle, Fairleigh & Co., and then became an active partner with Tootle, Craig & Co., subsequently, with Tootle, Hosea & Co. in the same capacity.

His mother was the daughter of W. H. Jones, an old settler of Buchanan County and a niece of Robert W. Donnell. She was the mother of eight children.

As vice-president and manager of the Tootle-Campbell Dry Goods Company, one of the largest wholesale dry goods houses in the west, Mr. Campbell is a splendid example of what can be accomplished by a young man of energy, courage, confidence and courtesy. He is recognized as one of the best posted dry goods men in the business. Due recognition of this fact was made when the present firm of Tootle-Campbell was organized. Mr. Campbell was then connected with Tootle, Wheeler & Motter. He resigned from this firm in March, 1908, to become associated with the house he now directs.

Affable in manner, positive in his convictions, but fair at all times, Mr. Campbell is held in high esteem by all who know him. He is a member of the Commerce Club and is a public-spirited man.

Mr. Campbell was married April 12th, 1893, to Miss Mary Newman of Des Moines, Iowa, daughter of John and Alice Newman, early settlers of that city. A daughter, Alice Virginia, is the only child.





DR. WILLIAM MUSE CAMPBELL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 10.—(Special to The Star.)—Dr. William Muse Campbell, a prominent physician and surgeon, died at his home here last night at the age of 75 years. He was a specialist.

Dr. Campbell was born in Sullivan county, Mo., and was a member of the Kansas conference. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were in St. Joseph last night when Dr. Campbell died, and a month later Mrs. Campbell celebrates her 75th birthday.

Dr. Campbell was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph, and the age of 17 years he entered the college graduating from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo., in 1880. He then went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he was a student in the medical college and in the university, and in 1884 he was appointed to the chair of Physiology in Central Medical College of St. Joseph, Mo., where he remained until 1897. With the exception of two years spent in Sullivan county, Missouri, Dr. Campbell has ever since been engaged in practice in St. Joseph. Dr. Campbell gives all credit for his success to his mother, who is now living with him at the age of 75 years. It was her encouragement and sympathy in his early struggle that prompted him to succeed.

Dr. Campbell enjoys the unusual honor of being a past presiding officer of every division of Masonry, both York and Scottish, and it is safe to say that no other man in the state holds such a record. He is now Grand P. C. W. of the Grand Council of Masons of the State of Missouri; vice-president of the Past Commanders Association of Knights Templar of Missouri; and Commander Department No. 1, Knights Templar of Missouri. He was one of the prime movers in the building of the Masonic Temple and the Scottish Rite Cathedral, served on committees to build and





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SERVING the community as a general practitioner of medicine for a quarter of a century has established Dr. Campbell as one of St. Joseph's foremost physicians. And it might be said that he is one of a very few physicians who does not limit his practice to that of a specialist.

Dr. Campbell was born at Robinson, Kansas, March 17, 1873, son of Rev. William G. and Elizabeth (Muse) Campbell. His father was a minister of the M. E. Church and was a member of the Kansas conference. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were married in Pittsburg, Pa., January 18, 1872, and very soon after moved to Kansas. In 1889 the Rev. Mr. Campbell died, and a month later Mrs. Campbell became the postmistress of Robinson.

Dr. Campbell was educated in the public schools of Kansas, and at the age of 17 began the study of medicine, graduating from the Northwestern Medical College of St. Joseph in 1893. After practicing for two years in Fairview, Kansas, he went to Philadelphia, Pa., entering the Jefferson Medical College, and while there was elected to the chair of Physiology in Central Medical College of St. Joseph. Returning to this city he formed a partnership with his uncle, Dr. O. B. Campbell, which continued until 1897. With the exception of two years spent in Sullivan County, Missouri, Dr. Campbell has ever since been engaged in practice in St. Joseph. Dr. Campbell gives all credit for his success to his mother, who is now living with him at the age of 75 years. It was her encouragement and sympathy in his early struggle that prompted him to succeed.

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has had continuous service on the board of directors in the management of both of these institutions. Dr. Campbell is also an Odd Fellow and an Elk. His club memberships include the Commerce Club and Green Hills Golf Club. He is a director and secretary of Moila (Shrine) Temple Association, which recently purchased the property known as the Green Hills Golf Club, and is a member of the various charitable organizations. He is a Republican in politics.

He was married in St. Joseph, December 3, 1913, to Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lechler. Mr. Lech-

ler was for thirty-five years in charge of the Missouri Pacific ticket office in Atchison, Kansas, and St. Joseph. When the government took over the railroads Mr. Lechler became auditor of the consolidated city ticket office.

Two children, Gertrude, age 5, and William Charles, age 3, have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Campbell.

A notable trait of the Campbell ancestry is that for four or five generations members of the family have been either Methodist or Presbyterian ministers.

The Campbell home is No. 1907 Lover's Lane.







MR. FRED R. CASTLE

With the completion of the new building, the city will have a new home for its public library. The new building is located on the corner of 10th and 11th streets, and will contain about 10,000 volumes. It will also contain a reading room, a library of books, and a library of records.

Mr. Castle is a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Health, and is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Education. He is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Public Works, and is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Public Safety.

Mr. Castle is a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Health, and is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Education. He is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Public Works, and is also a member of the St. Joseph County Board of Public Safety.

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**W**ILLINGNESS and ability to do hard work. This is genius. Any other conception of it makes it doubtful. In speaking of Mr. Castle as a genius in the wholesale dry goods world the explanation is given in his willingness and ability to do things.

When he was seven years of age Mr. Castle's parents moved from Illinois to Norton County, Kansas, becoming homesteaders. Here they remained for three years, removing to Decatur County, where the father engaged in the general merchandising business.

While and after attending the public schools Mr. Castle clerked in his father's store till he was 21, then entered the employ of a St. Joseph wholesale grocery house, for which he traveled a year and a half. In 1900 he became connected with the Richardson Dry Goods Company as traveling salesman, his territory being northwest Kansas. In 1909 he moved to St. Joseph to become a department manager for the same firm. Later he was advanced to sales manager, and in 1916 was elected vice-president and general manager, the position he now occupies.

Mr. Castle was born at Galesburg, Ill., June 22, 1877, son of Frank J. and Elizabeth (Emerson) Castle. His father was a native of New York and his mother was born in Ohio. He was married July 1, 1903, at Norcatur, Kansas, to Miss Mabel Charles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Charles. Mrs. Castle was born and raised in Indiana. One son, Harold, age 15, has been born of this marriage.

In his association with secret societies Mr. Castle is a York Rite Mason and a Shriner. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is an Elk.

He is president and a director of the St. Joseph Country Club, and is also a director in both the Commerce Club and the St. Joseph Athletic Club. He is active in civic affairs, devoting much time to the city's advancement. For recreation he is fond of golf. Politically a Democrat, though liberal in his views. Mr. Castle worships at Christ Episcopal Church. His home is No. 1222 North Twenty-fifth street.





MR. JAMES E. COMBS

A member of the American Bar Association, Mr. Combs has been active in the promotion of the interests of the people of the United States. He has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908. He has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908. He has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908.

Mr. Combs was born in 1870, at Milford, Ohio. He was educated at the University of Cincinnati, where he received a degree in law. He has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908. He has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1908.

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**A** BANKER by profession, but a good roads advocate because he foresees the need of paved highways and appreciates the advantages they will bring to commerce. Due to his interest in hard-surfaced roads Mr. Combs accepted the position of treasurer and director of the Jefferson Highway Association. His untiring efforts in behalf of this highway have been praised all along the line. He has manifested a further interest in this endeavor by becoming a director and treasurer of the Missouri Good Roads Federation, and a director of the St. Joseph and Buchanan County Goods Roads Association.

Mr. Combs is a native of Illinois, having been born at Collinsville, May 6, 1867. He was raised on his father's farm, where his boyhood days were spent in the delights of an outdoor life. His parents, William Shaw and Sarah Jane (McCormick) Combs, were born near Milford, Ohio. In the late '50s his father settled in Illinois, making the journey on horseback.

Mr. Combs' early education was received in the district school and high school of Collinsville, the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College of St. Louis, and the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale. His first position was with a bank in New Mexico. A few years later, in 1901, he returned to Illinois to become associated with an East St. Louis bank. From that city he came to St. Joseph, in 1911, to accept the position of cashier of the First National Bank, which he now occupies.

Mr. Combs is a member and director of the St. Joseph Country Club, a trustee and chairman of the house committee of the Elks Club, member of the Commerce Club, and member of the Men's Club of Christ Episcopal Church. He is also a member and director of the St. Joseph Automobile Club. His support and efforts in behalf of this organization have been of great benefit to the city and surrounding territory.

Mr. Combs is a director in the First National Bank, the First Trust Company and the National Safe Deposit Company, all of St. Joseph. The banking business being of a





confining nature he finds recreation in playing golf in the summer and hunting in the fall and winter as outdoor sports have always appealed to him.

Fraternally he has affiliation with the Masons, Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Arcanum and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Combs is not a pronounced partisan in his political views, being disposed to consider

the man and platform on which he stands rather than loyalty.

Mr. Combs was married April 30, 1901, at Collinsville, Ill., to Nan Caldwell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Powell. They have three children: Monroe Powell, James E., Jr., and Marjory.

Their home is No. 1201 North Twenty-sixth street.





MR. WESLEY L. CONNETT





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IN the making of the city many of the more important affairs are handled by the officers of the large commercial organizations. This is especially true of the commissioner of the Commerce Club of St. Joseph, a position so ably filled by Mr. Wesley L. Connett.

If the expression is permissible it is here that one actually comes in touch with the heart-throbs of the city. Every interest—commercial, industrial, civic, etc., looks to this organization for encouragement and guidance. Projects affecting the city's future are constantly arising which demand the most careful thought and consideration. It is in such matters that the good judgment and painstaking efforts of the commissioner safeguards and advances the interests of St. Joseph.

Wesley Langdon Connett was born on a farm adjoining Old Sparta, the first county seat of Buchanan County, Missouri. This farm was homesteaded by his grandfather, William C. Connett, who came to this county from Kentucky in March of 1839. Mr. Connett is a son of Horace T. Connett and Euphora (Leonard) Connett. Mr. Horace T. Connett was 7 years of age when he emigrated to this county from Kentucky with his family and continued to live on the old homestead until his death in 1905. The farm is still in the possession of the Connett family, and is owned by a family corporation known as the Connett Estate. Mr. Connett's mother was a native Missourian, being born in Buchanan County. Her father was Judge Solomon L. Leonard, who was judge of the Circuit Court of this judicial circuit from 1814 until 1852, when the circuit contained a number of counties in northwest Missouri.

Mr. Connett first attended the country school in the Sparta district. In 1892 he graduated from the St. Joseph High School and finished his education at the University of Chicago.

Upon his return from college (1894), he became associated with the St. Joseph Pressed Brick Company, and was elected secretary of the corporation, which position he held



until he was elected general commissioner of the Commerce Club in January, 1920.

Mr. Connett has been an ardent advocate and earnest worker for good roads in Missouri and adjoining states. The fruit of his labor is now beginning to show. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, besides a number of social and business organizations, among them being the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country

Club, Rotary Club, the Y. M. C. A., St. Joseph Automobile Club, American Automobile Club, and the National Association Commercial Organizations' Secretaries.

Mr. Connett is Democratic in his political views, but has never held public office. His financial interests are with the St. Joseph Pressed Brick Company, the Excello Feed Milling Company and the Connett Estate. Mr. Connett is unmarried.







MR. HERBERT W. CONSER

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Herbert W. Conser was educated in the public schools and Midland College at Atchison, and the public schools and business colleges of St. Joseph. His first occupation was in the laundry business, and for thirty years he has been continuously engaged in this industry, excepting for a couple of years (1905-07), spent in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Conser was a member of the Board of Health for six years, and was president of the board in 1918 when the existing milk ordinance, sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs, was passed. He has been prominently identified with the civic affairs of St. Joseph over a long period, and is an earnest and faithful worker for the city's interests. In his fraternal association Mr. Conser is a York Rite Mason, a Shriner and an Elk. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Green Hills Golf Club, Automobile Club, Commerce Club, and the Chamber





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THE president of the Conser Laundry Company, Mr. Herbert W. Conser, was born at Lockhaven, Pa., August 17, 1874, son of Asa Benton and Sarah (Weltmere) Conser. The senior Conser succeeded to the general merchandise business of his father in Lockhaven, but because of the heavy customs levied after the Civil war it was difficult to conduct the business profitably, so he disposed of the stock and started West, locating in Atchison, Kan., in 1876. He at once engaged in the laundry business, which he conducted until 1888, when he removed to St. Joseph. Here he bought out the American Steam Laundry and Towel Company, later changing the name to the C. O. D. Laundry. In 1890 the present quarters, at Ninth and Francis streets, were occupied and the firm name became A. B. Conser & Sons. It was at this time that H. W. Conser entered the business, securing a quarter interest in the partnership. Seven years later (1897), the business was incorporated as the Conser Laundry Company, at which time A. B. Conser retired. From that time until his death, July 27, 1899, Mr. Conser devoted all of his time to the upbuilding of the Methodist institutions in general and the Ensworth Hospital in St. Joseph in particular. Mrs. Conser survives her husband and for the past twelve years has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Griffith, at Miami, Florida.

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of Commerce of the United States. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Y. M. C. A. and is a Republican.

Mr. Conser was married in St. Joseph, October 6, 1895, to Miss Mabel A. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Williams. Mr. Williams was for a number of years

connected with the Turner-Frazer Mercantile Company of this city. Mrs. Conser holds the office of vice-president of the Conser Laundry Company. A daughter, Neita M., is an only child of this marriage.

The Conser home is No. 1111 North Twenty-sixth street.











COLONEL JOSEPH A. CORBY

COLONEL CORBY was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 25th, 1847, son of Francis P. Corby and Mary Lucinda Farmer. His father was a native of Allegheny County, Pa., and his mother of Richmond, Ind. Colonel Corby's paternal ancestry is Irish. His grandfather, John Corby, married Bridget Sheehan. Both were born in Limerick, Ireland.

His mother's parents were David Farmer and Mercy Morgan of Richmond, Ind, niece of General Morgan of revolutionary fame.

At the age of 11 Colonel Corby lost his mother, and his father died in 1876. He was educated at Mount St. Mary's College, in Cincinnati, and came to St. Joseph in 1867. Here he engaged in the business of abstracts of title and real estate.

He was married November 27th, 1872, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Harris of St. Joseph. Five children were born of this marriage—Marie Marguerite, J. Sidney, John, Joseph E. and Clarence K.

John Corby was married July 25th, 1900, to Miss Kate O'Neill Aisquith of this city.

Joseph E. Corby was married October 19th, 1904, to Miss Jeanne Louise Jung of New Orleans, La., who died in January, 1907.

From July, 1863, to May, 1865, Colonel Corby served in the Union Army. He was a member of the National Guard of Missouri from December 22nd, 1880, to March 7th, 1900. He was colonel of the Fourth Missouri Infantry, Missouri Volunteers, in the Spanish-American war from May 16th, 1898, to February 10th, 1899.

Many of the first enterprises which enabled St. Joseph to keep abreast of the times owe their original and successful operation to Colonel Corby. He has done much to be proud of in making St. Joseph "The City Worth While." In the long list of things accomplished one finds that in 1873-75 he owned and published the St. Joseph Gazette. In 1878 he built the Frederick Avenue street car line. In



1879 the first telephone exchange in this city. In 1881 he built the first telephone exchange in Atchison, Kansas; also the telephone line from St. Joseph to Atchison, which was the first telephone line west of Buffalo, N. Y., connecting two cities.

In 1883 he built the first electric plant here, and the same year assisted in bringing the Pacific Mutual Telegraph line to St. Joseph. In 1885 he built an extension of the same line from St. Joseph to Omaha, Nebraska.

Colonel Corby purchased the Citizens Street Railway in 1887, and in 1889 sold the Frederick Avenue and the Citizens Line to the Peoples Street Railway, Electric Light and Power Company. He was vice-president and general manager of the Peoples Company, during which time he built the Messanie Street line, Grand Avenue line, and the Incandescent Light Plant.

The first electric railway in Denver, Colorado, the Den-

ver and Suburban, was built by him in 1891. Colonel Corby is president of the Corby Building Company, which in 1910 erected the Corby-Forsee building at Fifth and Felix streets, the first fireproof office building in the city, twelve stories high. In 1917 two more stories were added to provide a home for the St. Joseph Grain Exchange.

In affairs of civic nature Colonel Corby has always taken an active part. He was president of the City Board of Health from 1910 to 1914, and is now a member of the State Board of Charities and Correction, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Gardner in September, 1919.

He was a charter member of the Benton Club, which was opened November 8th, 1887, and has affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, having been Master of the Fourth Degree in that order.

Religiously Colonel Corby is a Catholic and politically a Democrat. His home is No. 1317 Frederick avenue.





MR. JAMES ESTIL COX, JR.

The first of these is the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, which is published weekly, except on Sundays and public holidays. It is the largest medical journal in the United States, and is read by every physician in the country. It is published by the American Medical Association, which is a national organization of physicians. The second of these is the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, which is published weekly, except on Sundays and public holidays. It is the largest veterinary journal in the United States, and is read by every veterinarian in the country. It is published by the American Veterinary Medical Association, which is a national organization of veterinarians. The third of these is the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, which is published weekly, except on Sundays and public holidays. It is the largest dental journal in the United States, and is read by every dentist in the country. It is published by the American Dental Association, which is a national organization of dentists.

of police commissioner. August 28, 1916, to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Gardner, and he is now president of the police board of St. Joseph. Politically Mr. Cox is a Democrat. He is treasurer of the committee. Mr. Cox has never held an elective office and declares he has no ambition to do so. He





MR. JAMES ESTIL COX, JR.

MR. COX was born in St. Joseph February 1, 1872, son of James Estil and Mary T. (Harris) Cox. His father, a native Missourian, first came to St. Joseph with his parents, en route to the gold fields of California, in 1849. Returning to St. Joseph in 1861 he tendered his service to the Confederate cause, receiving a captain's commission, and serving four years. At the close of the war he engaged in farming, and later the manufacture of brick. He was one of the builders of the Union street car line, operating from the old New Ulm Garden, on St. Joseph avenue, south to Sixth and Atchison streets. In 1877 he became superintendent of the line. He was married in 1865 to Miss Mary T. Harris, daughter of William T. Harris, one of St. Joseph's pioneers. Mr. Harris platted the addition to St. Joseph known as the Harris Addition. Mrs. Cox is now living in Kansas City. Mr. Cox died June 2, 1908.

Our subject received his education in the schools of St. Joseph and then entered the employment of R. L. McDonald & Co., one of the big wholesale dry goods houses. This firm has since disposed of its dry goods lines and is now engaged in the manufacture of shirts and men's work clothing, the corporate name having been changed to that of the R. L. McDonald Manufacturing Company. Mr. Cox, who began as office boy on December 15, 1887, has been continuously with the firm, and is now a director and officer of the company.

He is also a director and secretary of the Park Bank of St. Joseph. It is Mr. Cox's firm belief that every man should take an active interest in politics and civic affairs. He accepted, by appointment of the governor, the position of police commissioner, August 18, 1916, to fill the unexpired term, and was treasurer of the board. Again, on March 1, 1919, he was honored in a like manner by Governor Gardner, and he is now president of the police board of St. Joseph. Politically Mr. Cox is a Democrat. He is a member of the state Democratic committee, and also treasurer of the committee. Mr. Cox has never held an elective office and declares he has no ambition to do so. He





is a Mason, having passed the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies. He is also an Elk and a Shriner.

Manifesting an interest in the social and business affairs of the city Mr. Cox holds membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Athletic Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, and Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. Cox was married in St. Joseph, June 5, 1894, to Minnie Birch Rush, daughter of the late William M. Rush. Mrs. Cox's father was a prominent lawyer. He was as-

sistant United States attorney under President Cleveland's first administration, and was associated with Hon. M. E. Benton at Kansas City, Mo.

One son, Marion Estil Cox, has been born of this union. He married Laura Lang of Parkersburg, W. Va. They have one child, Francis Marion Cox, born June 4, 1919.

Mr. Cox is a direct descendant of Daniel Boone. His father was the son of Cyremus and Fanny Van Bibber Cox. Fanny Van Bibber Cox was the daughter of Isaac Van Bibber and Betsy Hays; Betsy Hays was the daughter of William Hays and Susannah Boone Hayes; Susannah Boone Hays was the daughter of Daniel Boone.





MR. SAMUEL JEFFERSON COLAVITO.

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MR. SAMUEL JEFFERSON CRAIGHILL.

FOR ten years Mr. Craighill has been identified with the retail trade of St. Joseph, but prior to that time he gained valuable experience and training in the wholesale business.

He is a native of Buchanan County, having been born near St. Joseph, October 24, 1882, son of Samuel J. and Sarah C. (Barrow) Craighill. His father, a native of Virginia, came to St. Joseph in the early '60s and settled on a farm. His mother was born in Maryland. She is now 80 years old, and is unusually active for one of her years. Mr. Craighill died in 1902.

Our subject first attended the Woodbine school, later entering the public schools of St. Joseph. He engaged with the J. B. Brady Carpet Company, wholesale and retail carpets, and later connected with the Wheeler & Motter Mercantile Company. He represented this firm on the road as traveling salesman and then became assistant buyer in the carpet department. In 1910 he engaged in business by organizing the Standard Furniture and Carpet Company, of which he was manager. He continued this business until February, 1919, when it was consolidated with the Leader Department Stores Company. Mr. Craighill then became manager of the furniture department of the store, which position he now occupies. He is considered an exceptionally well posted man in his chosen line and has met with the success which comes from hard work and a knowledge of his merchandise. Mr. Craighill has affiliation with a number of social and business organizations, including the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Automobile Club, Athletic Club and the Highlands Golf and Country Club. He is a Mason and an Elk, and is politically a Democrat. His church association is with the Westminster Presbyterian, of which body he was the treasurer for a number of years.

Mr. Craighill is unmarried, making his home with his mother, No. 1515 Jule street.





DR. FREDERICK PEARCE CRONKITE

Dr. Cronkite was born in the town of Weymouth, Massachusetts. Her ancestry traces to William, Michael and the Ann, that brought relief and supplies to the early colonists.

In 1886, after completing his studies at Warsaw Academy, Dr. Cronkite entered the office of Dr. S. A. Lewis of Warsaw. In 1890 he came to St. Joseph, associating with Dr. M. W. Steiner as assistant in dentistry. The same year he entered the Kansas City Dental College, from which

for his profession he attended the Ensworth Medical College, from which he graduated in 1891. He then opened an office here for the practice of his profession, and has established a record of twenty-six years of active service, meantime being recognized as one of the best dentists in the West. He is a member of the City, District, State and

the City and District organizations. During Governor Hadley's term of office he was a member of the State Board of Charities and Correction.

Dr. Cronkite is strongly Republican in his views and efforts, and is devoted to the interests of Republican policies. At one time he was a member of the city central committee. In 1917 he was elected a member of the Board of Education, but resigned after serving one year.

He is a charter member of the Elks Lodge, being the only such member who served through all the chairs. He was exalted ruler when the present club house was built, and for years was president of the Elks Realty Company.

Dr. Cronkite is an advocate of out-of-doors entertainment. He plays golf, delights in sailing, fishing and canoeing. He was the founder of and first president of the Wisno Angling Club, located in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.







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**D**R. FREDERICK PEARCE CRONKITE, dentist, was born at Warsaw, Wyoming County, N. Y., July 21, 1867, son of Spencer and Ruth Ann (Pearce) Cronkite. His father, also a native of New York, was a volunteer in the 136th Cavalry, Army of the Potomac, under General Merritt; was in the service four years; was twice wounded, once in a sword duel with a Confederate officer. He was present at the capitulation at Richmond, and was an aide to the quartermaster general who had charge of the ceremony. Dr. Cronkite's mother was born in Massachusetts. Her ancestry traces to William Michael Pearce, who owned and captained the first ships, the Lion and the Ann, that brought relief and supplies to the early colonists.

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This club has developed into one of the pretentious resorts of the North. Dr. Cronkite is now the secretary and treasurer of the club. He is a member and vice-president of the Highlands Golf and Country Club, and president of the Highlands Realty Company.

At Dansville, N. Y., on December 24, 1892, Dr. Cronkite was married to Anna Louise Prussia. Six children have been born of this union, Walter Leland, Donald Winfield, Leonard Theodore, Dorothy Louise, Frederick Prussia and Ruth Ann. Walter Leland Cronkite married Helen Fritchie. They live in Kansas City and have one child; Walter, Jr. Donald Winfield Cronkite married Clele Frazier. Their home is in South Bend, Ind., where Mr. Cronkite is connected with the Studebaker Company. They have one child.

In religious faith Dr. Cronkite is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Being a collector of relics, souvenirs, etc., Dr. Cronkite has in his possession some very interesting articles, among them being the pens with which Generals Grant and Lee signed the conditions of surrender, and a part of the table and the paper which covered the table on which these documents were signed.

The original ancestry of the Cronkites in this country dates to 1642, when the family landed from Holland. The records of the Revolutionary war show that twenty-six Cronkites served in that war. Dr. Cronkite's immediate family on his father's side descended from Capt. James Cronkite. Chauncey Depew's mother was a Cronkite.

The Cronkite home is No. 2015 Francis street.





MR. F. CLAUDE DAVIS

Mr. Davis attended the common schools of Platte and Buchanan counties. At the age of 12 years he moved to the town of Harrison, Mo., where he associated with his brother, the late Dr. W. B. Davis, and ran business under the firm name of Davis Brothers.

Mr. Davis attended the Medical College of St. Louis, and took up the practice of medicine, about which time our subject entered the milling business, engaging as sales manager with his uncle, the late R. T. Davis, owner of the mill. He was very successful in introducing throughout the country the brands manufactured by the Davis Mill, which included the celebrated Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour. Shortly after the death of

his relative with the milling business and joined his brothers, Gavin M. and Robert L., in the real estate business, in which he has been continuously active ever since. To his credit is placed many of the large transactions in St. Joseph, real estate. It was he who engineered the deal by which The Leader Department Store was established at

the corner of Second and Main streets in St. Joseph, Mo., and which is now one of the largest and most successful stores in the city.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has affiliation with the Masonic fra-

ter. He is a member of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, and is also a member of the St. Joseph Rotary Club.





MR. F. CLAUDE DAVIS

**F** CLAUDE DAVIS, member of the firm of Davis Brothers, real estate, was born in Platte County, Missouri, February 22, 1858, son of Rev. John C. C. and Mary G. (Clay) Davis. His father was one of the pioneer Methodist ministers of this section of the country, being a member of the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His grandparents on his father's side, Ishmael and Nancy Trotter Davis, were natives of Kentucky and were among the earliest settlers of Buchanan County, and those on his mother's side, Johnson and Rebecca Clay, also natives of Kentucky, were early settlers of Platte County.

Mr. Davis attended the common schools of Platte and Buchanan counties. At the age of 12 years he moved to St. Joseph with his parents. For a period of seven years, in association with his brother, the late Dr. W. E. Davis, who was two years his senior, he was engaged in the dairy and ice business under the firm name of Davis Brothers. Subsequently W. E. Davis graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and took up the practice of medicine, about which time our subject entered the milling business, engaging as sales manager with his uncle, the late R. T. Davis, owner of the mill. He was very successful in introducing throughout the country the brands manufactured by the Davis Mill, which included the celebrated Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour. Shortly after the death of R. T. Davis in December, 1894, F. Claude Davis severed his relations with the milling business and joined his brothers, Marvin M. and Robert L., in the real estate business, in which he has been continuously active ever since. To his credit is placed many of the large transactions in St. Joseph real estate. It was he who engineered the deal by which The Leader Department Store was established at Sixth and Francis streets.

Mr. Davis was married November 27, 1888, to Miss Fannie Dean Popple, who was a native of Illinois, and to this union were born three children, Fannie Lee, Ruth, and F. Claude Davis, Jr.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has affiliation with the Masonic fraternity.

The Davis home is located at the northeast corner of Thirtieth and Francis streets.







MR. RANDOLPH LEAH:





MR. RANDOLPH M. DAVIS

IN JUNE, 1892, when the Board of Trade was merged into the Commercial Club, which had recently been organized, Mr. Davis was elected the first president of the new body. He was then 24 years of age. Ever since that time he has been actively identified with the commercial interests of the city. He was born in St. Joseph, October 24, 1868, son of Randolph T. and Mary J. (Boydston) Davis. His father was a native of Missouri, born in Buchanan County, December 26, 1837. Moving to St. Joseph, he purchased an interest in a flour mill and in 1876 became the sole proprietor. In 1883 he built the mill now operated by the Aunt Jemima Milling Company on Second street, and up to the time of his death, December 14, 1894, was at the head of the business known as the R. T. Davis Mill Company. He was a leader in movements for public welfare.

Our subject attended the public schools of St. Joseph and finished at St. James Military Academy. He then entered the milling company, of which his father was the president, and continued in this business until 1904. It was while thus employed that Mr. Davis originated the Aunt Jemima pancake flour and introduced it in the market by extensive advertising.

Retiring from the milling business, Mr. Davis became the head of the Metropolitan Paving Company, the position he now occupies. His company engages in street paving and road building on a large scale. By reason of the square deal and his hustling ability Mr. Davis has extended his business over a number of states.

Mr. Davis has membership in all the business and social organizations of St. Joseph, and has never allowed his interest to lag in affairs of moment to the city. He is a Democrat in politics, though not active in his efforts. His church association is with the Francis Street Methodist denomination.

Mr. Davis was married in St. Joseph, January 25, 1893, to Mary Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Fairleigh. Mrs. Davis' parents were early settlers in Missouri, her father coming from Kentucky in 1843. Her mother, Alice



(O'Neill) Fairleigh, was also a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Fairleigh were married in October, 1860. W. G. Fairleigh was interested in numerous mercantile enterprises until his retirement from active business.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Randolph M., Jr., single, who is associated with his father

in the paving business, and Alice Fairleigh Davis, married to Jarrot McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McCord. By this marriage two of the oldest families in St. Joseph were united, the parents of both the bride and groom having been boys and girls together.

The Davis home is No. 2601 Frederick avenue.











MR. FRED H. DERGE

As a retail merchant Mr. Derge has been a prominent factor in the commercial life of St. Joseph for twenty-five years. He was born at Atchison, Kansas, December 22, 1864, son of Albert and Amanda Derge. His parents moved to Missouri when he was a child, locating in Buchanan County. Mr. Derge attended school in DeKalb, and commenced his mercantile career in a general store in that town. In 1885 he opened a general store at Salem, Kansas, which he operated until the Rock Island railroad was built to Denver. He then moved to Lebanon, Kansas, and established a general store, where he continued in business until coming to St. Joseph.

For a quarter of a century Mr. Derge has been engaged in the clothing and men's furnishing goods business in this city. He is the president of the Derge-Bodenhausen Clothing Company, one of the best known and most successful retail clothing houses in St. Joseph. He has always taken an active part in matters pertaining to the commercial and civic affairs of the city. He is a member of the Commerce Club and devoted much time to war activities. Mr. Derge holds membership in the Elks Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club and the St. Joseph Country Club.

He was married July 11, 1901, at Bloomington, Ill., to Miss Mabel Chisholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Chisholm. Mr. Chisholm was an old resident of Bloomington and was engaged in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Derge have one son, Fred H., Jr.

The Derge home is No. 2625 Frederick Boulevard.





REV. WILLIAM F. THOMPSON

Dr. Thompson was born in Chicago, Ill., on May 10, 1881. He is a member of the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he has been a student since 1904. He is also a member of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. and the Chicago Board of Christian Education.

Dr. Thompson was a member of the Chicago Theological Seminary from 1904 to 1907, when he was elected to the position of assistant professor of biblical literature. He has since held various positions in the seminary, including professor of biblical literature and dean of the faculty.

Dr. Thompson was a member of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. from 1907 to 1910, when he was elected to the position of secretary. He has since held various positions in the Y. M. C. A., including secretary and treasurer. He is also a member of the Chicago Board of Christian Education, where he has been a member since 1910.

Dr. Thompson was a member of the Chicago Board of Christian Education from 1910 to 1913, when he was elected to the position of secretary. He has since held various positions in the board, including secretary and treasurer. He is also a member of the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he has been a member since 1913.

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REV. WILLIAM RAY DOBYNS

FOR nearly twenty-one years Dr. Dobyns has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph. This church is sixty-six years old and has had but three pastors.

Dr. Dobyns was born at Columbus, Johnson County, Missouri, May 17, 1861, son of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret Ruth (Morrow) Dobyns. His father was a doctor of medicine.

Dr. Dobyns received the degree of D. D. from Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, in 1901, and of B. D. from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, in 1889. He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in Chicago in 1889. He organized and was the first pastor of Immanuel Church in "Bridgeport" from 1886 to 1890; was financial secretary of Westminster College, 1890-91; pastor First Presbyterian Church, Marshall, Missouri, 1891-99.

Dr. Dobyns came to St. Joseph from Marshall, Missouri, and assumed his duties in the local pulpit, December 1, 1899. His record for continuous service is the second longest among the St. Joseph clergymen.

He has always been decidedly interested in civic as well as religious affairs of the community. Recently he was chosen a member of the Board of Education. During the late war Dr. Dobyns served as associate camp secretary and director of religious work for the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Dr. Dobyns has been a member of the state Y. M. C. A. committee almost twenty years and has served as its chairman. He is chairman of the board of trustees and was one of the founders of the School of the Ozarks at Hollister, Taney County, Missouri; is a member of the boards of trustees of Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, and the Louisville (Kentucky), Theological Seminary, and is a member of the committee on the union of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Dobyns has always been a leader in Bible study. In 1904 his congregation sent him to the Holy Land, where he spent three months touring Palestine on horseback as a member of a Bible class from the University of Chicago.



The class recited three hours daily and received three months' post-graduate credit from the University. On his way home the doctor attended, as a member, the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Liverpool. In addition to his regular church work he always has from three to six Bible classes, and last May a class finished a four-year course at the local Y. W. C. A.

Dr. Dobyns is a York and Scottish Rite Mason. Politically he is a Cleveland Democrat. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi. As an author his more prominent books are: "Addresses on Personal Work," "Outline Studies of the Scriptures," and "As-So."

On June 19, 1889, Dr. Dobyns was married to Mary Triplette Buckland of St. Louis. A daughter, Mary Ray, is an only child.

Since coming to St. Joseph Dr. Dobyns' congregation has replaced the old church building with a modern and beautiful home, and the church is supporting nine foreign and five home missionaries.

The Dobyns home is No. 317 North Seventh street.

[Dr. Dobyns has accepted a call to the South Highlands Presbyterian Church at Birmingham, Alabama. He will be missed most by the members of his own flock, but all St. Joseph will miss him].











MR. JOHN E. DOLMAN

THE goal of some men is accomplishment. While time is measured alike to all, the improvement of it is largely up to the individual. Aside from the accomplishment of many very desirable things for St. Joseph, Mr. Dolman has been instrumental in bringing about numerous improvements of which the city is justly proud. The largest single industry in St. Joseph is the stock yards. In the building of this institution, and the larger part of the residential district of South St. Joseph, Mr. Dolman was associated with Mr. G. F. Swift and Mr. John Donovan. The Union Terminal Railway, which furnished terminals for a number of the trunk line railways entering St. Joseph, together with the building of the revetment and harbor line on the Missouri River through St. Joseph were accomplishments of these men.

Mr. Dolman performed a good work for the city by having the Twenty-second street car line extended to Ashland Boulevard, which opened up one of the most attractive residential districts. He was also instrumental in financing the paving of Noyes and Ashland boulevards and many of the principal streets of St. Joseph.

An undertaking of great importance to St. Joseph was the building of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Interurban Railway. In this enterprise Mr. Dolman was associated with Mr. George Townsend and Mr. C. F. Enright.

Mr. Dolman is the son of Samuel and Marinda K. Dolman, and was born in Denver, Colorado, September 18, 1865. His parents were residents of Topeka, Kansas, for fifty-four years, having left Colorado in 1866, by wagon, on the Overland trail. His father was engaged in the mercantile business in Topeka until 1884, when he became engaged in building railroads. This business was followed until 1910, when he retired. Nine years later, September 20, 1919, he died at the age of 85. His widow, at the good age of 83, still survives him.

John Elbert Dolman was educated in the public schools of Topeka, graduating from the High School there in 1884. He then entered the Albany, New York, Law School, and was graduated from that institution in 1887.

Returning to Topeka, he entered the law department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway as assistant



attorney under Mr. M. A. Low. After serving the Rock Island for ten years Mr. Dolman resigned and removed to St. Joseph, where he entered into a partnership with Mr. Stephen S. Brown, January 1, 1898, under the firm name of Brown & Dolman. Ever since this date Mr. Dolman has been engaged in the general practice of law.

On December 7, 1903, Mr. Dolman was married to Miss Annie Hickman, daughter of Ezra and Anna Hickman of Kansas City, Mo. Two children, John E., Jr., and Nancy, were born of this union. Philip B. Dolman is also a son born of a former marriage. Mr. Dolman's religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges, and holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club and the Commerce Club.

Mr. Dolman has never sought or held a public office, except as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph school district, to which position he was elected for a term of six years, beginning April, 1916. In the sum-

mer of 1919 he was elected president of the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Samuel I. Motter. Mr. Dolman is a Republican in his political views, but the directory of the school board is non-partisan and composed of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

Mr. Dolman has a high standing in his profession, a fact readily recognized by reason of the prominent interests he serves. He is attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, the Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph Railway Company, the St. Joseph Water Company, and is general attorney for the Union Terminal Railway Company. Also he is president and a director of the Missouri Real Estate and Loan Company and of the Kenwood Realty Company, and is president of the St. Joseph Electric Railway Company, the city line of the St. Joseph-Kansas City Inter-urban Railway.

The Dolman home is on Ashland boulevard.





MR. EDMOND JACQUES ECKEL, F. A. I.

1. The first of the three main branches of the tree of life is the branch of the plant kingdom. This branch is the most numerous and the most varied. It includes all the plants that grow on the earth, from the smallest mosses and lichens to the largest trees and shrubs. The plants are divided into two main groups: the non-green plants, which are the fungi and the bacteria, and the green plants, which are the algae, the higher plants, and the animals. The green plants are the most important group, as they are the source of all the food that we eat. They are also the most beautiful and the most useful. They give us the oxygen that we need to live, and they provide us with the raw materials for many of our products. The plants are also the most important part of the landscape. They give us the shade and the beauty that we need for a healthy and happy life. The plants are also the most important part of the environment. They are the foundation of all the other life forms that live on the earth. Without the plants, the earth would be a barren and lifeless wasteland. The plants are the most important part of the tree of life, and they are the most important part of our world.







MR. EDMOND JACQUES ECKEL, F. A. I. A.

TO LOOK over a half century's development of a city, and to have had a big part in that development, must be a source of great pleasure to one. It suggests the lines of Emerson to the effect that the reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Whatever has been undertaken by Mr. Eckel has been well done, for he is careful and painstaking to the minutest detail.

Railroad accidents, as a rule, are not construed as an advantage, but because of one St. Joseph gained a much needed architect in the person of Mr. Eckel. While on his way from Cleveland to Kansas City he was detained here by a railroad wreck. During the wait for the wreck to be cleared up he visited about the town and concluded that St. Joseph was a good place in which to locate. This was July 3, 1869.

Mr. Eckel is a native of France, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Strassburg, Alsace, where he was born June 22, 1845, son of Philip Jacques and Louise Elizabeth Caroline Eckel. His father died July 5, 1852, and his mother December 6, 1886.

Mr. Eckel's early schooling was at the Gymnase Protestant in Strassburg, which was supplemented by architectural study under the city architect of Strassburg. His professional career began in September, 1864, when he entered the Ecole des Beaux Art of Paris, where he studied architecture for four years, passed examinations, and then came to the United States.

Landing in New York, October 5, 1868, Mr. Eckel remained there for a time, later going to Cleveland, Ohio, where he stayed until the trip which brought him to St. Joseph was taken. He has resided here ever since, practicing his profession.

In 1880 he associated himself with Mr. George R. Mann, under the firm name of Eckel & Mann. This firm was dissolved in 1892. In 1910 he associated himself with his son, George R. Eckel, and Will S. Aldrich, the latter of New York City, the firm now being known as Eckel & Aldrich.

George R. Eckel, '05, is an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of Boston, Mass., and Mr. Aldrich, M. I. T., '88, won the Rotch Traveling Scholarship in 1895, studied in Paris and Rome the two following years,



and in 1897-98 was director of the American Academy of Fine Arts in Rome.

Mr. Eckel became a member of the Western Association of Architects in 1885 and continued in that society until 1889, when the Western Association and the American Institute of Architects combined, at which time he was made a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Eckel is the oldest, most successful and respected practitioner of architecture in the Central Western States. To create artistic ideals for a people of a wide territory where the crudest ideals formerly existed, has been his good fortune and pleasure. Mr. Eckel's early clients were those sturdy pioneer merchants who were laying the foundations for immense wholesale business in the West, while at the same time they were preparing the foundations for the magnificent buildings that now house their stocks. While meeting the limitations placed on him by his early clients Mr. Eckel never lost sight of the fact that it was only a question of time until the west would and could afford the best in architecture.

Versatile as well as thorough, idealistic as well as practical, Mr. Eckel's work covers the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and is a monument to the untiring fidelity of a man who sought to interpret and to formulate for a great section of a great country, a desire that it could not itself express, and which could not have been worked out and achieved by men of less untiring zeal, less true artistic and architectural sense, and less practicability.

Among the more notable examples of Mr. Eckel's or his firm's work in St. Joseph are the following buildings: Nave-McCord Mercantile Company building, American National Bank building, residences for Mrs. William M. Wyeth, N. P. Ogden, Samuel Nave, J. W. McAlister, and J. B. Moss, Wheeler-Motter Mercantile Company building, Richardson Dry Goods Company building, John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company building, High School, Union Station, First Baptist Church, Hoagland Estate, France Estate, John Donovan Estate, Live Stock Exchange building, Tootle-Lacy National Bank building, Public Library, Elks' Club building, Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier Church, Buchanan county jail, The Auditorium, Robidoux Hotel, Corby building, Robidoux School, Washington School, Presbyterian Church, Krug building, Brown Transfer & Storage Company plant, Hirsch Brothers Dry Goods Company building, Logan building, Bartlett building, J. B.

Collins and McCord Mausoleums, St. James Church, residences for Houston Wyeth, J. J. Tootle, Dr. Jacob Geiger, and F. L. Ford, Wyatt Park Baptist Church, Empire Trust Company, Alexandria Apartments, St. Joseph's Hospital, News-Press building, Whittier School, Townsend-Ueberrhein Clothing Company building, Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

Among the out-of-town buildings are the warehouses for Nave-McCord Mercantile Company at Fort Worth, Texas, and Pueblo, Colorado; Court House and Jail, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Paxton Hotel, Omaha; court houses at Albany, Maysville and Maryville, Mo., and at Seneca, Kansas; the St. Louis City Hall; Administration Wing of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo.; Library, Albany, Mo.; Bedford National Bank, Bedford, Iowa; residences for W. F. Rankin and High School, Tarkio, Mo.; County Infirmary at Savannah, Mo., and Atchison, Kansas, Methodist Episcopal Church, Richmond, Mo., and the Library building, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

In 1912 Eckel & Aldrich entered the Missouri State Capital competition, and of sixty-nine competitors in the preliminary were one of ten selected to elaborate their designs for the final competition, in which their design was one of the last two considered. Of the ten architects in the final competition most of them were of the most prominent of New York City.

Mr. Eckel is a member of all the Masonic bodies, and is a Shriner, being a life member of Moila Temple. He has been treasurer of the Scottish Rite bodies since they were established in St. Joseph in 1902. He is an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Benton Club, Elks' Club, and the St. Joseph Country Club. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Eckel and family are members of the First Reformed Church.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. Eckel was married to Minnie L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Schroers of St. Joseph. Mrs. Eckel died on March 21, 1920. Four children were born of this marriage. Edmond G. Eckel, married Miss Jane McCourt, have two children, resides in Wilford, Arkansas; Minnie E., married David R. Agnew, have three children, resides in Berkeley, California; Elvie E., married Dr. L. Robert Forgrave, resides in St. Joseph; George R. Eckel, resides in St. Joseph.

Mr. Eckel's residence is in Westminster Place, 1324 North Twenty-fifth street.









MR. CHARLES FREDERICK ENRIGHT

A DISTINCT honor was conferred on St. Joseph and a high compliment paid one of our citizens when the governor appointed Mr. Charles F. Enright to the office of state bank commissioner.

When it is stated that Missouri has more banks and trust companies than any other state in the Union the responsibilities of the office will be better appreciated. Mr. Enright has supervision over all of these institutions, together with the supervision of the foreign and domestic department, commonly known as the "blue sky" department.

Charles Frederick Enright is a native of St. Joseph. He was born October 23, 1866. His father, Dr. M. C. Enright, came here in 1855 from Minnesota, and was an eminent and successful physician of his day. His mother, Mary Enright, while of the same family name, but of no blood relationship, lived in Iowa at the time of her marriage to Dr. Enright. Both parents were born in Ireland.

The public schools of St. Joseph afforded Mr. Enright his early education. His first position was with the National Bank of St. Joseph, known as the Burnes bank, where he remained for seventeen years. His ability was given recognition and he was promoted until the position of cashier was reached. After serving in this capacity for some years he organized the Missouri Valley Trust Company, and managed its affairs for ten years. He then engaged in the bond and mortgage business under the firm name of Enright & Fairleigh, which later was changed to C. F. Enright & Company. In 1917 he was made state bank commissioner, a position for which his years of training specially qualifies him, and one which he is now filling with credit to himself and the state.

Mr. Enright has never let pass an opportunity that he could grasp to aid in the civic and commercial development of his native city. He promoted the Interurban railroad between St. Joseph and Kansas City; was one of the promoters of the Corby-Forsee building, along with numerous other enterprises. He was active in organizing the Commerce Club; prominent in the organization of the St. Joseph Country Club, and was a director and treasurer of the Charity Board for twenty years. He was treasurer of





the St. Joseph school board for several terms; vice-president of the St. Joseph Clearing House in 1894 and manager in 1895. It is worthy of note to say that for thirty-nine years Mr. Enright has done business within five blocks of the place of his birth.

To the state Mr. Enright rendered service as a member of the Missouri Council of Defense during the period of the world war, and wound up that organization after its activities had ceased. He was state chairman of the Boy Scouts drive for new memberships, and chairman of the Bankers' Division of the state in the drive for the sale of thrift stamps throughout the war period. Mr. Enright collected all the funds used in the entertainment of Missouri's soldier boys who returned via New York City— an appreciation made possible to the boys by the prompt and liberal response of the bankers throughout the state. Under the law the state bank commissioner is not permitted to hold any stock in banks or trust companies under his

direction, which means that Mr. Enright's entire services are devoted to his office. He is Democratic in his political views and efforts.

Mr. Enright is a charter member of the St. Joseph Lodge of Elks and was a member of the first board of trustees. He has membership in the Knights of Columbus, in which society he filled the office of grand knight for one term. His church association is with the St. Joseph Cathedral parish, Roman Catholic.

He was married January 25, 1893, to Miss Jennie Fairleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Fairleigh. Mrs. Enright's father was a pioneer dry goods merchant in St. Joseph and a member of the original firm of Tootle & Fairleigh. One child, William Fairleigh Enright, was born of this union. He is treasurer of the Empire Trust Company of St. Joseph. He married Lucy Graham Howell of New York City. Two children, Jane Fairleigh and William Fairleigh Enright, Jr., have been born to them.





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MR. FREDERICK EDMOND ERNST

MR. ERNST began his career at the Union Depot in 1885, first in the ticket department, then auditor, chief clerk, assistant ticket agent and finally superintendent, the position he now occupies.

Mr. Ernst was born in St. Joseph, February 1, 1867, son of Captain Charles Frederick and Caroline Marie (Broder) Ernst. His father was born in 1838 and at the time of his death, in 1892, was postmaster of St. Joseph. Captain Ernst was one of the very active men in the affairs of the city. He was a member of the school board for fifteen years and was secretary of the St. Joseph Fair Association in the late '70s. He was commander of Custer Post No. 7, having served throughout the Civil War on the Union side. He was discharged from service, after a campaign against the Indians in 1866, as captain of Twelfth Missouri Cavalry. He then held the office of revenue collector for four years. Retiring from this work he engaged in the clothing business for ten years. He then entered the insurance business, which he followed until his death. His widow survived him until July, 1917, when she passed away at the age of 73 years.

Fred E. Ernst was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Ernst & Brill Book and Stationery Company as clerk. After a service of three years in this line he accepted a position with the Union Depot Company under Col. Joseph Hansen.

Mr. Ernst was a member of the city council for two years; rendered five years' service in the Missouri National Guard under Colonel MacDonald, and was commander of the Sons of Veterans, Division of Missouri.

He is a member of Charity Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the Modern Woodmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans. He has filled the office of chancellor commander in the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Ernst has membership in the Highlands Golf and Country Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club and the Rotary Club. He is independent in his political views. His church association is with the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in which he filled the office of first reader.

Mr. Ernst is a director in the Park Bank of St. Joseph. On February 14, 1902, he was married to Catherine Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huddleston. Mrs. Ernst is a native of Ohio.

The Ernst home is No. 201 Highland avenue.





MR. WALTER LOUR

Mr. Eshelman is a native of Missouri, having been born at Graham, Nodaway County, March 5, 1871. He is a son of William and Almira G. (Guthrie) Eshelman. His father was born in Virginia, March 6, 1829. The family moved to Ohio in 1841, thence to Springfield, Ill. Here Mr. Eshelman met his wife and was married. Soon after, in 1863, they came to Missouri, settling on a farm south of Graham. They farmed until 1884, and moved into the town of Graham. Mr. Eshelman engaged in the hardware business for a number of years, later retiring. He died in 1909 at the age of 80 years. His wife traces her ancestry to Revolutionary times. Branches of the family were early settlers in and about Sidney, Ohio, where some of them still live.

Mr. Eshelman has been identified with the music business in St. Joseph for nearly twenty-five years. He was associated with T. J. Washburn, who was at that time the leading music dealer in the Middle West. Afterwards he was sales manager for one of the leading music stores in this city for a number of years. In 1916 he engaged in the musical business on his own account, the company name being Eshelman's Music Shop. This "shop" has the exclusive agency of the New Edison phonograph and the Ivers & Pond and McPhail pianos, and was recently installed in new quarters at 117 South Seventh street.

Mr. Eshelman has always been active in civic affairs. He has been instrumental in many ways in things brought about for the betterment of the community. He is past president of the Rotary Club and a director of the Y. M. C. A., a member of the Commerce Club, Ad Club, Athletic Club, and High and Golf and Country Club. He is secretary of the St. Joseph Musical Festival Association. For fifteen years he has been a member of the council of the First English Lutheran Church. He served as a four-







MR. WALTER LOWRY ESHELMAN

AS A MEMBER of the building committee which erected the First English Lutheran Church, Tenth and Charles streets, and the designer of the pipe organ for that church, Mr. Eshelman has made a splendid contribution to St. Joseph, even if he had not for years been prominent in business and musical circles.

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minute man and participated in the bond and Red Cross drives throughout the world-war period. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Eshelman's association with secret societies includes all the Masonic bodies, in which he has been active. He is commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, a member of St. Joseph Conclave No. 9, K. R. C. C., and is a Shriner and an Elk. Also, he is a member of the Missouri Association of Past Commanders. He is a past no-

ble grand of Odd Fellows, and is now a member of Enterprise Lodge, I. O. O. F.

October 15, 1904, Mr. Eshelman was married to Susan W., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nichols, who trace their ancestry to Plymouth colony. Two children, Harold N., aged 14, and Margaret, aged 11, have been born to them.

The Eshelman home is No. 720 South Fourteenth street.





MR. S. H. ELMER FARMER

Automobile business. This was in 1907. Three years later he removed from Horton to St. Joseph to enlarge his field of activities, and he has met with wonderful success.

Mr. Farmer is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Oakdale, April 8, 1870, son of Joseph K. and Zilpha (Clark) Farmer. His parents moved to Kansas in 1878.

After acquiring an education in the public schools of Hiawatha, Mr. Farmer entered the Southwestern Business College of Wichita, from which he graduated.

Since coming to St. Joseph he has been actively identified with the life of the community. He is president of the Automobile Show Association and a persistent worker in the Automobile Club. He has been a consistent advocate of paved highways, and has aided in advancing St. Joseph's civic affairs.

Mr. Farmer is president of the Farmer Auto Company and the Farmer Used Car Company of St. Joseph; president of the Edgar Motor Company of Trenton, Missouri, farming in Missouri and Kan-

Mr. Farmer is a Scottish Rite Mason, having received the 32d degree. He is a Republican in politics. He has membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club and St. Joseph Country Club. His church association is with the Westminster Presbyterian, and he is a member of the Men's Club of that church.

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MR. SAMUEL R. FARMER

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His own interests include being president of the Farmer Auto Company and the Farmer Used Car Company of St. Joseph; president of the Edgar Motor Company of Trenton Missouri, farming in Missouri and Kansas.

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Mr. Farmer is fond of outdoor life and enjoys long camping trips, for which he has a car especially equipped.







MR. HERMAN FARNHAM

On the left hand of the page is a photograph of the subject of this article, Mr. Herman Farnham, a native of Maine, who is now residing in St. Joseph, Mo.

A native of Maine, Mr. Farnham was born in Belgrade, Kennebec County, June 3, 1865. His father, George Augustus Farnham, a successful farmer and capitalist, still resides on his Kennebec Valley farm, where he has been for almost sixty years. He was born April 25, 1837. Mr. Farnham's mother, Mary Ann Farnham, was born July 14, 1810, and is still living. She has reared six children, of which our subject is the oldest. Her brother, John Franklin Sydnor, was Episcopal bishop of Colorado for about ten years, and bishop of Utah until his death.

Mr. Farnham attended the Maine State Normal School, Bangor, Me., and the University of Maine, class of '89. He entered Yale University in 1889 for graduate work, and continued to '91. He received the degree of M. A. for work done in Yale, and took the degree of B. A. from Colby College. He was class poet in Colby College, and received the appointment and honors. Mr. Farnham first engaged as director of physical education in Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., in 1891.

Mr. Farnham's first vote for president was cast for James G. Blaine. His first vote for vice president was cast for Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Farnham is independent in his political views.

Mr. Farnham is a member of the St. Joseph Public Ownership League; the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce; the St. Joseph League, and National Public Ownership League. For two





MR. HIRAM EVERETT FARNHAM

ONE-THIRD of the State of Missouri is covered by the St. Joseph office of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, which is in charge of Mr. Farnham as general agent.

A native of Maine, Mr. Farnham was born in Belgrade, Kennebec County, June 3, 1865. His father, George Augustus Farnham, a successful farmer and capitalist, still resides on his Kennebec Valley farm, where he has been for almost sixty years. He was born April 25, 1837. Mr. Farnham's mother, Lydia Jane Farnham, was born May 14, 1840, and is still living. She has reared six children, of which our subject is the oldest. Her brother, John Franklin Spalding, was Episcopal bishop of Colorado for about thirty years, and his son, Frank Spencer Spalding, was bishop of Utah until his death.

Mr. Farnham graduated from the Cony High School, Augusta, Maine, class of '85, and Colby College, Waterville, Maine, class of '89. He entered Yale University in 1889 for graduate work, and continued to '91. He received the degree of M. A. for work done in Yale, and took the degree of B. A. from Colby College. He was class poet in Colby College two years, and one of eight in the class to win special commencement appointment and honors. Mr. Farnham first engaged as director of physical education in Pennsylvania for three years, and then spent twelve years in teaching in college and military schools.

Mr. Farnham was reared a Republican. He was a classmate of James G. Blaine, Jr., in the high school, and his first vote for president was cast for James G. Blaine. His second vote for congressman was for Thomas Brackett Reed. Mr. Farnham is independent in his political views, and has never been ambitious to hold political office. He accepted appointment to the presidency to the Board of Health in 1920, but shortly after resigned. He is actively identified with a number of organizations of local and national scope, being president of the St. Joseph City Club; vice-president of the St. Joseph Public Ownership League; member American Academy of Political and Social Science, National Short Ballot Association, American Single Tax League, and National Public Ownership League. For two



terms Mr. Farnham was president of the St. Joseph Life Underwriters, and was a member of the executive committee of the National Life Underwriters' Association for two years. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Maine Alpha. His church association is with the Presbyterians.

On June 5, 1906, at Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Farnham was married to Bergia Alsina Hawley, daughter of Franklin Dexter and Mary Belle Hawley of Warsaw, Wyoming

County, New York. Mrs. Farnham is of Scotch-Irish descent. Her parents were prominent in various large enterprises of Wyoming County, especially the salt works. Both parents are dead.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farnham: Robert Spalding Farnham, age 13; Romeyn Hawley Farnham, age 11; Helen Jeanette Farnham, age 10, and Mary Marguerite Farnham, age 4.

The Farnham home is No. 203 South Fifteenth street.





MR. CHARLES L. FAUST







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**S**UCCESSFUL in his profession and prominent as a lawyer and citizen, Mr. Faust has made an enviable record since coming to St. Joseph in 1903. He was born at Bellefontaine, Ohio, April 24, 1879, son of Wilson S. and Ella M. Faust. In his infancy his parents moved to Doniphan County, Kansas, settling in Highland. It was here that he was reared and received his early schooling, first in the public schools and then attending Highland University. He taught school for two years, but desiring to study law he entered the State University of Kansas, from which he graduated in June, 1903, receiving the degree of LL. B. Mr. Faust then located in St. Joseph, and his efforts here have been marked with gratifying success.

Prompted by his interest in community affairs he accepted and is now filling the office of first vice-president of the Commerce Club, having under his supervision all civic matters.

Politically, Mr. Faust is a Republican, and is a strong advocate of the principles of his party. For four years, April, 1915, to April 1919, he held the office of city counselor. During his administration the legal business of the city was handled with such capacity and efficiency as to reflect great personal credit and permanently inscribe his worth by the official record he established.

In the August primaries of this year (1920), Mr. Faust was honored by receiving the Republican nomination for congress from this (the Fourth) congressional district, and was elected November 2.

Mr. Faust is a Mason, being a Knights Templar and a Shriner. He is an Elk, and was exalted ruler for the year 1919-20.









MR. RICHARD TASKER FORBES

WHEN one enters the banking house of the First National Bank and is directed to the president's desk, it is difficult to realize that the head of so large an institution could have worked at one time for \$2.50 per week. Possession of this fact will surely be an inspiration to young men who are striving to make good.

Mr. Forbes was born March 1, 1868, at Port Lavaca, Texas. His father, Robert Mitchell Forbes, was born at Kinsale, Virginia, in 1809. He was a member of Congress of the Republic of Texas. His mother, Mary (Read) Forbes, was a native of Missouri, having been born at Boonville in 1831. Mr. Forbes was tutored in private schools. His first position was that of collector with the Galveston City Street Railway Company of Galveston, Texas, in 1880. This was the beginning of his interest in financial matters, and in 1884 he became collector for the American National Bank, Dallas, Texas, at the munificent "salary" of \$2.50 per week. Following this position he was collector for the Oliver & Griggs Bank of Dallas in 1885, and two years later went to Kansas City, Missouri, to become bookkeeper for the National Bank of Commerce. A like position with the Ritter & Doubleday Bank of Columbus, Kansas, was accepted in 1888, and in 1889 he went to Las Vegas, New Mexico, to become teller of the First National Bank of that city. In 1891 he removed to St. Louis, taking the presidency of the Stephens Lithographing Company, in which position he continued for five years. Returning to the banking business he entered the American Trust and Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1898, as cashier. Serving in this capacity until 1905, he went to the Citizens National Bank of Cedar Rapids as cashier. Two years later he was elected president of the American Trust and Savings Bank of the same city, but shortly after, in 1907, resigned to become president of the Drovers' National Bank of Chicago. It was from this last named institution that Mr. Forbes came to St. Joseph, in 1910, to



become president of the First National Bank, the position he now occupies.

Immediately upon settling in St. Joseph he became an active part in all the affairs of the city.

As president of the Commerce Club in 1911 he aroused a new interest in the commercial possibilities of St. Joseph. In 1912 he was elected treasurer of this organization, which position he has held continuously to date. He served the city as a member of the Park Board in 1915-1916, at which time many of the plans now being carried to completion were formulated. He was a member of the executive committee and treasurer of St. Joseph Chapter, A. R. C., and Council of Defense throughout the world war period.

Mr. Forbes served as captain in the National Guard, State of Texas, and New Mexico; was first lieutenant, Fifth Battery of Iowa, Light Artillery, during the Spanish-American war.

He is identified with numerous private and public enterprises, and is a director in the following institutions in St. Joseph: First National Bank, First Trust Company, Grain Belt Mills Company, St. Joseph Life Insurance Company, St. Joseph & Savannah Interurban Railway, Morris Plan Bank Company, the Brennan Packing Company of Chicago, and several other corporations.

Mr. Forbes is independent in his political views. He

is active in the Masonic order, and is a past master, past high priest, past commander, past wise master, Rose Croix, past grand captain-general, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa, past treasurer of the Mystic Shrine.

He has membership in a number of clubs and social organizations, including the Union League Club and South Shore Club of Chicago, St. Joseph Country Club, Commerce Club, Athletic Club of St. Joseph, Sons of the Revolution and Naval and Military Order Spanish-American War. Religiously Mr. Forbes is an Episcopalian, being a member of the vestry of Christ Church of St. Joseph.

He was married June 28, 1910, at Algona, Iowa, to Miss May Coudrey Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Palmer. Three children have been born of this union: Richard Tasker Forbes, Jr., born March 30, 1912; Robert Palmer Forbes, born December 11, 1913, and Randolph Mitchell Forbes, born September 12, 1915.

Mr. Forbes is a great-great-grandson of General William Davidson of North Carolina, who was a general in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Forbes is an advocate and firm believer in the betterment of rural community life.

The Forbes St. Joseph home is No. 630 North Twenty-third street, and their summer country home is "Wind-blow," on the west shore of Lake Okoboji, Iowa.







MR. FRAZER L. FORD

Mr. Ford is a native of St. Joseph, Mo., and was educated in the public schools of that city. He attended the University of Missouri, where he received a degree in civil engineering. He then attended Yale University, where he received a degree in business administration. He has been a member of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce since 1906, and has held various positions of honor in that organization. He is also a member of the St. Joseph Country Club and the Elks Club.

Mr. Ford is directly interested in a number of St. Joseph's financial and commercial enterprises, being a director of the St. Joseph Iron Company, the First Trust Company, president of the Ford Investment Company, partner in the firm of Ford & Porter, and a director in the Pitts-Smith Dry Goods Company.

He has membership in the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club and the Elks Club.

Mr. Ford is a member of the Francis Street M. E. Church, and is treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Hoagland Endowment Fund, and the Mount Mora Cemetery Association.

On March 4, 1911, Mr. Ford was married to Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. George of St. Joseph. Two children have been born to them: Jacob Marion Ford, II and Margot Ford.

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**F**OREST CITY, MISSOURI, is the birthplace of Mr. Ford. He was born December 20, 1883, son of Jacob M. and Nannie T. Ford. His father was for a number of years president of the First National Bank, and was financially interested in a number of St. Joseph mercantile houses. Mr. Ford's parents moved to St. Joseph when he was a boy. He attended the local grammar schools, graduated from the high school and went to Hotchkiss Preparatory School, from which he entered Yale. He graduated from Yale in 1906, receiving the degree of B. A.

Upon his return to St. Joseph in 1906 he accepted a position with the Hundley Dry Goods Company, wholesalers, where he continued until 1910. He then became associated with the Ford Investment Company, which had been organized by his father, and later was elected vice-president of the First National Bank, the position which now commands his attention.

Mr. Ford is directly interested in a number of St. Joseph's financial and commercial enterprises, being a director of the Battrell Shoe Company, the Ross-Frazer Iron Company, the First Trust Company, president of the Ford Investment Company, partner in the firm of Ford & Porter, and a director in the Fitts-Smith Dry Goods Company of Kansas City.

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MR. PIERRE PAUL FREYMANN

WITH the intention of remaining in the United States only long enough to study the language and customs of the country, Mr. Freymann reached St. Joseph, March 6, 1888. Prior to his coming he had spent five years in Mannheim, Germany, studying German and the commercial ways of Germany.

He is a native of Vevey, Switzerland, the date of his birth being March 1, 1865. His early schooling was in his native town, but he finished his studies in Lausanne and Geneva.

Mr. Freymann's first employment was in the mercantile business in Vevey. When he came to St. Joseph he connected with the Regnier & Shoup Crockery Company at a wage of \$20 per month. He was soon promoted, however, and remained with this firm until it suffered a total fire loss on September 25, 1893. Soon after this Mr. Freymann accepted a position with the old firm of Douglas & Sons, then in the queensware business on Third street. In the spring of 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Freymann established a retail store at 620 Felix street. Seventh street was then considered the dead line of the retail business.

In 1914 Mr. Freymann assisted in organizing the Rohwedder-Freymann Jewelry Company. He was elected president and treasurer of the corporation in 1917. In 1918 the business was moved to its present location, 706 Felix street.

During his career of over twenty-six years as a Felix street merchant Mr. Freymann has taken an active part in St. Joseph's commercial life, aiding in a financial way and by his personal efforts every move of a forward character. For the past twenty years he has been a director of the Peoples' Home Building and Saving Association. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Ad Club, and is vice-president of the Optimist Club. He is an Elk, and in politics a Republican.

On November 7, 1893, Mr. Freymann was married to Jennie T., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lins. Mr. Lins was a former dry goods merchant of St. Joseph. One son, Jean Pierre, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Freymann.







MR. RUPERT J. FRITZ

C. J. Fritz was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, on May 1, 1872. He came to the United States in 1882, and moved to Minnesota, locating in St. Paul when that town was the center of the lumber trade. He then traveled to the Sioux City, Iowa, area, and located in the Custer period. His mother was born in Alsace-Lorraine. She came to the United States in 1852. After the Civil War, she came to the United States and located in Sauk Rapids, Minn., and took up a claim.

Mr. Fritz attended the University of Minnesota, later entering the School of Optometry in Minneapolis. He then traveled to Sischo & Beard, a St. Paul optical company, and then to the Sioux City Optical Company, Sioux City, Ia.

In 1912 he passed the State Board of Optometry examination of Iowa.

The success of the St. Joseph Optical Company has been very gratifying, due not only to Mr. Fritz's experience and reputation in the business, but also to his willingness to enter whole-heartedly into the commercial and civic affairs of the community. He is a member of the Commercial Club, the Highlands Golf and Country Club, is an Elk and a member of the Knights of Columbus lodge. His church affiliation is with the Cathedral parish, Roman Catholic, and his political views Republican.

Mr. Fritz was married September 17, 1907, at St. Cloud, Minn., to Katherine Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Weber, early settlers of that city.

The Fritz home is No. 2 Summit Place.





MR. RUPERT J. FRITZ

COMING to St. Joseph from Sioux City, Iowa, in June, 1914, Mr. Fritz established the St. Joseph Optical Company, of which he is the president. He was born in St. Cloud, Minn., March 26, 1880, son of Andrew J. and Mary (Braun) Fritz. His father was born in Baden, Germany, and came to this country with his parents in 1846, the family settling in Sandusky, Ohio. In 1854 he removed to Minnesota, locating in St. Paul when that town was the trading center of the north and northwest. Minneapolis was unknown, except as St. Anthony. He experienced a number of skirmishes with the Indians during the Custer period. His mother was born in Alsace-Lorraine. She came to the United States in 1852. After a residence of four years in Jefferson City, Mo., she moved to Sauk Rapids, Minn., and took up a claim.

Mr. Fritz was educated in the schools of his native city, later entering the School of Optometry in Minneapolis. He then traveled for Sischo & Beard, a St. Paul optical house. Tiring of the road he accepted a position with the Sioux City Optical Company, Sioux City, Ia.

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MR. WALTER PEERY FULKERSON

**W**ALTER P. FULKERSON, president of the Bank of Buchanan County, was born at Trenton, Mo., October 9, 1865, son of Peter Glenn and Eliza Virginia (Carnes) Fulkerson. Both parents were born in Virginia. They came to Missouri in 1849. His mother died at the age of 67. His father, aged 88, is living in Chicago.

Mr. Fulkerson graduated from the Trenton High School and the Grand River College at Edinburg. For two years he held the chair of commercial law in the Grand River College, after which he taught a country school for three terms. He then engaged in the banking business in Trenton, but resigned to accept the position of national bank examiner, first going to Washington for instruction in the office of the comptroller of currency. In 1902, in association with some St. Louis capitalists, he bought in and took the management of the First National Bank of St. Joseph, retiring from the position of bank examiner. He then negotiated the purchase of the National Bank of St. Joseph, which was merged into the First National, and became president of the consolidated institution, after which the Swifts bought out the St. Louis stockholders. In 1908 Mr. Fulkerson resigned the presidency of the First National and organized the Bank of Buchanan County, becoming its president and principal stockholder.

Among other important financial interests of Mr. Fulkerson might be included the vice-presidency and substantial stockholder of the Newman, Royal and Regent theatres of Kansas City, representing a capitalization of \$750,000. He is a director and stockholder in the St. Joseph-Kansas City Interurban, and has large farming interests in Buchanan County, Missouri.

He was chairman of an exemption board during the war period and was active in Red Cross work and promoting the bond drives.

In educational affairs Mr. Fulkerson takes a prominent part. He is now serving a six-year term on the Board of Education. It was due largely to his efforts that the board accepted the government's offer to establish the R.





O. T. C. in St. Joseph—a feature or part of our school work which is permanent.

Mr. Fulkerson is an active Republican, taking a deep interest in the policies of his party. He is a past grand Odd Fellow, and belongs to the Missouri Writers' Guild, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of Veterans, State Historical Society, St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Commerce Club and the Elks Club. His church association is with the First Presbyterian, of which he is a member. For recreation he plays golf.

Mr. Fulkerson was married at Carthage, Mo., March 8, 1895, to Sara, daughter of Edward and Henrietta Harper, pioneer and prominent residents of Carthage. Mrs. Fulkerson died December 25, 1915, but her mother is still

living, being in her 86th year, and makes her home with Mr. Fulkerson. Mrs. Fulkerson was a woman of strong personality and high ideals. She was a graduate of Ward-Belmont College, and was hostess from Missouri to the World's Fair, held in Chicago in 1893.

Two children were born of this union: Lucile Harper Fulkerson, a graduate of the Ward-Belmont School of Nashville, Tenn., and Walter Peery, Jr., student at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind. Mr. Fulkerson's "hobby" is his children and his bank.

The first Fulkerson to reach this country came from Holland before the Revolutionary war. Mr. Fulkerson's ancestry on the maternal side was Scotch.

The Fulkerson home is No. 2406 Duncan street.





MR. LEWIS C. GABBERT

Mr. Lewis C. Gabbert, a native of Kentucky, was born in 1860. He attended the common schools of his native state, and was educated at the University of Kentucky. He was a student of the University of Kentucky when the building burned in 1891. He finished the law course at the University of Kentucky, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He has since practiced law in Kentucky, and has been a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. He is now residing in St. Louis, Mo., after his parents arrived from Kentucky. Mrs. Gabbert is also a native of Kentucky.

Lewis C. Gabbert, lawyer, entered the Missouri State University in the winter of 1889, and was a student there when the building burned in 1891. He finished the law course at the University of Kentucky, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He has since practiced law in Kentucky, and has been a member of the Kentucky Bar Association. He is now residing in St. Louis, Mo., after his parents arrived from Kentucky. Mrs. Gabbert is also a native of Kentucky.

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MR. LEWIS CASS GABBERT

**M**R. GABBERT is a native of Platte County, Missouri, and was born at Dearborn, January 21, 1871. His father, Benton Gabbert, was born in Indiana when his parents were en route from Kentucky to Missouri. Benton Gabbert was two years of age when his parents located in Platte County seventy-six years ago. As he grew up he became one of the foremost men in the county. He was a big breeder of Hereford cattle, founded the Bank of Dearborn in 1887, and was identified with all the progressive undertakings of his field of influence up to the time of his death, which occurred October 3, 1917, at the age of 75 years. His wife was Alice Layton Gabbert. She was born in Platte County, near Weston, two months after her parents arrived from Kentucky. Mrs. Gabbert died May 24, 1916.

Lewis Cass Gabbert, lawyer, entered the Missouri State University in the winter of 1890, and was a student there when the building burned in 1891. He finished the school year at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. In 1893 he graduated from the Camden Point Military Institute, and followed with three years of academic and law at Central College, Danville, Kentucky.

Mr. Gabbert was admitted to practice law in Kentucky. However, he tried his first case in Danville, Kentucky, while yet a student. He was subjected to considerable "guying" by the school for his premature efforts, but was not disturbed thereby.

At the September term of court, 1897, Mr. Gabbert was admitted to practice in St. Joseph. His home has been here ever since, and he has become established as one of the best lawyers at the bar. He was elected prosecuting attorney of Buchanan County for a term of two years—1903-4. St. Joseph had thirty-three gambling halls in operation when he took the office. They were cleaned out during his administration. Mr. Gabbert was attorney for the Interstate Railway Company in its suit for damages against the K. C., C. C. & St. Joseph Railway. The case was tried in Kansas City, with the result that a verdict for a million and a half dollars, the largest amount for dam-



ages in history, was secured by Mr. Gabbert for his clients. He has been in many of the sensational and large lawsuits in St. Joseph.

Mr. Gabbert is the largest individual owner of Dearborn, Missouri, property. He was made president of the Dearborn Community Club in 1918, securing for the town the Interstate Highway between St. Joseph and Kansas City. He incorporated and organized the Dearborn Iron and Power Company with a capitalization of half a million dollars, which constructed one large malleable iron foundry at Dearborn and one in Kansas City, Kansas, and is a director of the Bank of Dearborn.

On account of age Mr. Gabbert was not eligible for military service when this country became involved in the world war, though he vainly endeavored to enlist in the army, so he enlisted in the Y. M. C. A. overseas service, sailing June 4, 1918. He spent four months on the war front under constant shelling; went over the top with the men of the 139th regiment in the battle of the Argonne-Meuse, and staid on the firing line for four days, encouraging the fighters without weapons, and against orders of the Y. M. C. A.

Politically, Mr. Gabbert is a Democrat. He has stayed on the platform day and night in every campaign, national, state and local. He was president of the Monroe Club in 1906, at which time he arranged the banquet at Irish-American hall of 600 plates, when Champ Clark was toastmaster, and such notables as William J. Bryan, Governor

A. M. Dockery and Frank Atwood were speakers. Mr. Gabbert has been honored with the Democratic nomination for congress from this (the Fourth) congressional district.

Mr. Gabbert united with the M. E. Church, South, in Danville, Kentucky, in 1896, later transferring his membership to the Francis Street M. E. Church, South, of St. Joseph, and has ever since been a member.

He was married October 5, 1897, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Hattie M. Sandifer, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Nicholas Sandifer. Mrs. Gabbert's father was judge of the Garrard County Court for sixteen years, and until he removed from the county. Her mother was one of the Green family of Crab Orchard, noted for its preachers.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gabbert: Benton Sandifer Gabbert, Lewis Cass Gabbert, Jr., and Virginia Lee Gabbert.

The first Gabbert in America came from Alsace-Lorraine with Lafayette, in the time of the Revolution, as a sergeant, but Irish blood predominates in the present Gabbert.

Doing public work without pay, other than the satisfaction it gives him, is a penchant of Mr. Gabbert, as he considers a man's first duty to his home and community.

The Gabbert home is No. 2512 Jackson street, his lawn containing fine old native trees and shrubbery that make it one of the most delightful spots in the city.







DR. JACOBUS F. SMITH

Dr. Jacobus F. Smith, M.D., is a native of New York City, and is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City.

He has been a member of the American Medical Association since 1888, and has been a member of the New York State Medical Society since 1889. He has also been a member of the New York City Medical Society, the New York City Medical Association, and the New York City Medical Society.

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DR. JACOB GEIGER

ONE of the best known and most successful physicians and surgeons in the West is Dr. Jacob Geiger, his reputation extending far beyond the boundaries of Missouri.

At home, however, he is also known for his unshaken faith in the city, and his continued effort to promote the growth and development of St. Joseph's commercial and industrial life, his most recent contribution to the business interests being the erection of the modern department store at Sixth and Francis streets, an enduring monument to his name.

Dr. Geiger is president of the St. Joseph Transfer Company, the Riverview Investment Company, the Missouri-Arkansas Land Company and the S. S. Allen Grocery Company. He is a director of the First National Bank, the Bank of North St. Joseph, and the First Trust Company of St. Joseph. He was president of the American Exchange Bank for five years from 1910. He is also owner of the St. Francis Hotel.

Dr. Geiger was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, July 25, 1848, son of Anton and Marie Gliova (Eberhardt) Geiger. His father died when Jacob was three years of age. His two older brothers having come to the United States in 1854, his mother brought over the rest of the family two years later, settling in Champagne County, Ill. Young Jacob attended the Homer Seminary and Bryant's Business College at St. Joseph, and then began the study of medicine in the office of Galen E. Bishop of St. Joseph while working in a local drug store. He commenced the practice of medicine in 1868 under his preceptor, and, after being graduated M. D. in the medical department of the University of Kentucky in 1872, opened an office of his own in St. Joseph. In 1876 he organized a medical class, with the view of establishing a college of medicine, and before the end of the year the St. Joseph Medical College was founded. He was elected professor of anatomy and clinical surgery, but in 1879 resigned to assist in the founding of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in which he became secretary of the faculty and professor of the principles and practice of surgery. In 1884 these two colleges were



united as the St. Joseph Medical College, the name being changed in 1887 to Ensworth Medical College on account of a bequest by Samuel Ensworth. Dr. Geiger was dean and professor of surgery during 1887-1914. He served as professor of surgery in St. Louis University in 1890-1910.

Dr. Geiger was president of the Board of Managers of State Hospital No. 2 in 1910-14, of the St. Joseph Board of Health in 1884-86, of the city council of St. Joseph, 1886-88, and the U. S. Pension Examining Board in 1890-1900.

In politics Dr. Geiger is a Republican and in religion a Presbyterian. He founded the Medical Herald of St. Joseph in 1884, with which he is still associated, and he has read many professional papers before large medical bodies. He is ex-president of the St. Joseph, Missouri State and

Missouri Valley Medical Societies, and the St. Joseph's Surgical Association; fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and member of the American Medical Association, Missouri State Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, Southwestern Medical Association, and the Western Association of Surgeons.

Dr. Geiger is a 32d degree Mason, and an Elk. He is a member of the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club and St. Joseph Automobile Club. In 1897 he received the degree of LL. D. from Park College, Parkville, Mo.

On April 13, 1888, Dr. Geiger was married to Louise, daughter of Robert Kollatz, a retired merchant of St. Joseph. Their home is in Westminster Place.





MR. GEORGE T. GIST

great mill's descendants of Mrs. Gist's father's slaves, who still bear the name Wilson. Mr. Gist lost his father when

Mr. Gist attended the public school at Maysville.

whereby he was to accompany the artist, and then traveled to attend art school in Munich, Germany, and later visited the principal art centers of Europe.

For many years Mr. Gist had a studio in St. Joseph.

rice in art, with the photographic profession, and some of his work is represented in this book.

Mr. Gist is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Scottish Rite Mason. He is also an Elk and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was married at Topeka, Kansas, December 24,

Stephen S. Barnes. Mrs. Gist's father, a native of New York, homesteaded land in Chase County, Kansas, in 1870. Her mother was born in Wisconsin. A daughter, Salome, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Gist.

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MR. CARL RUDOLPH GIST

IT IS SAID that the highest triumph of art is the truest presentation of nature. As a boy Mr. Gist had a natural talent for art, and he met with an unusual opportunity to cultivate it. He was born at Maysville, Missouri, July 30, 1873, son of John A. and Evaline (Wilson) Gist. His father was born near Weston, Missouri, on a farm, and was a member of the Home Guards during the civil war. His mother, also a native Missourian, was born on a cotton plantation. In DeKalb County there are several negro families descendants of Mrs. Gist's father's slaves, who still bear the name Wilson. Mr. Gist lost his father when 7 years of age and his mother when he was 23.

Mr. Gist attended the public school at Maysville. When he was about 16 years of age a portrait painter from Berlin, Germany, visited Maysville to do some work. Mr. Gist showed him some of his drawings. His talent was readily appreciated, and an arrangement was effected whereby he was to accompany the artist, and they traveled and worked together for nearly five years. Seven years later Mr. and Mrs. Gist went abroad, where Mr. Gist attended art school in Munich, Germany, and later visited the principal art centers of Europe.

For many years Mr. Gist had a studio in St. Joseph, painting portraits in oil, water color, porcelain and ivory miniature. The last few years he has coupled his experience in art with the photographic profession, and some of his work is represented in this book.

Mr. Gist is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Scottish Rite Mason. He is also an Elk and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was married at Topeka, Kansas, December 24, 1895, to Miss Maude E. Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Barnes. Mrs. Gist's father, a native of New York, homesteaded land in Chase County, Kansas, in 1870. Her mother was born in Wisconsin. A daughter, Salome, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Gist.

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MR. WILLIAM L. GOETZ

WILLIAM L. GOETZ is the president of the Milwaukee Brewing Company, which is the largest brewery in the city. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He has been in the brewing business for over 20 years. The Milwaukee Brewing Company was incorporated as the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company and the business is conducted under this name at the present time.

The company is located at 1011 N. Jackson St. and is one of the largest breweries in the city. It has a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per year. The company is owned and operated by Mr. Goetz and his family. The company has a long history and is well known in the city.

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A HOUSEHOLD name in St. Joseph over a long period of time is that of Goetz. It was established here more than sixty years ago. William L. Goetz is a native of St. Joseph, born June 17, 1867, son of Michael K. and Caroline W. Goetz. His father was born in Ingenheim, Alsace, in 1833, and came to this country in 1856, stopping at Buffalo, N. Y., where he was employed as a grocery clerk for a short time. He then proceeded west, intending to go to California, but stopped off at St. Joseph, entering the employ of Henry Nunning, who operated a small brewery at the time. Several years later, along with others, he founded what was known as the City Brewery, under the style name of M. K. Goetz & Co. In 1895 the firm was incorporated as the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company, and the business is conducted under this name at the present time.

Mr. Goetz's mother was born in Leidenbach, near Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1844, and came to this country with her parents in 1853, locating first near Sparta, in Buchanan County, and later moved to St. Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Goetz were married in 1865. Six children were born to them, four sons and two daughters.

William L. Goetz was educated in the St. Joseph public schools and Bryant's Business College. He served a thorough apprenticeship in the brewing business in every department, and attended the American Brewing Academy in 1893-95. After the death of his father, M. K. Goetz, on August 11, 1891, he was elected to the office of president of the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company, which position he still holds.

Mr. Goetz is connected with various business enterprises in St. Joseph, being a stockholder and officer in the Artesian Ice and Cold Storage Company, the Lincoln Realty Company, and having other large interests. He has always been quick to respond when matters affecting the city's welfare were under consideration, and has, in his



quiet, unassuming way, done much to promote the general advancement of St. Joseph. He is a member of a number of social clubs, including various golf clubs, Commerce Club, Rotary Club, St. Joseph Gymnastic Society and others. Mr. Goetz is a member of the Elks lodge and is a Red Man. He is non-partisan in his political views, and religiously is a member of Zion's Evangelical Church.

Mr. Goetz was married October 19, 1898, to Miss Anna L. Pape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pape. Mr.

Pape was a wagon manufacturer in St. Joseph in the early days, and his wagons were celebrated throughout the Northwest. They were frequently exhibited at the fairs without paint or varnish, so that their superior workmanship might readily be seen, and Mr. Pape never failed to carry off the first prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Goetz have two children, Wilfred Lawrence, age 12, and Horace Raymond, age 11.

The Goetz home is No. 2529 Felix street.











MR. LOUIS T. GOLDING

**L**OUIS T. GOLDING, publisher of the St. Joseph News-Press, was born May 9, 1865, at Burlington, N. J. He was educated in private and public schools of New Jersey, and Trinity Church Parish School, New York City. He studied law in New York City, but did not graduate. Entered newspaper work on the Press, Pittsburg, Pa., in 1885, returning to New York in '87, and was employed as a reporter on the Herald, World and other newspapers. Became telegraph editor of The Mail and Express in 1889, and later assisting managing editor of the same paper; in 1892 went to the New York Commercial Advertiser (now the New York Globe), in the same capacity, and was made managing editor of that paper in 1895, which place he held for several years. After devoting two years to re-establishing the Tribune of Terre Haute, Ind., he came to St. Joseph in 1903, and with others effected the consolidation of the St. Joseph Daily News and the Evening Press, which, under the name of the St. Joseph News-Press, he has published ever since.





• *Practical Applications of the Theory of Probability*, by J. V. Bennett, Jr. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1947). This book is a good example of the application of probability theory to the study of the behavior of a system of particles. It is a good book for students of physics and engineering.

Mr. William H. Guenther, the president of this company, was born November 21, 1886, at Neelyville, Ill., son of a prosperous farmer, now residing at Winchester, Ill. Mr. Guenther followed the usual course of study, and then went off to the accustomed chores and general farm life until he was 21 years of age. He then selected the engraving business, and after a few months' work in a small shop, he came to Chicago, where he secured employment in the largest and best engraving plants in Chicago. Milwaukee,

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Mr. Guenther is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is a member of the Commercial Club. He was a member of the board of directors of the Sunday school in 1918, and taught the Business Men's class in 1919-20. He is independent in his political views, with a leaning toward the Democrats.

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The Guenther home is No. 2818 Monterey street.





MR. WILLIAM HENRY GUENTHER

IT IS creditable to St. Joseph to have so good an engraving establishment as the Artcrafts Engraving Company. All the engravings in this book were made by them, and they represent a very high class of workmanship.

Mr. William H. Guenther, the president of this company, was born November 24, 1886, at Neelyville, Ill., son of Herman L. and Minnie M. Guenther. His father is a prosperous farmer, now residing at Winchester, Ill. Mr. Guenther spent his boyhood days on the farm, applying himself to the accustomed chores and general farm life until he was 21 years of age. He then selected the engraving business as his occupation, entering a plant in Springfield, Ill., in 1908. Subsequently he worked in some of the largest and best engraving plants in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

In December, 1912, Mr. Guenther came to St. Joseph. Appreciating the need of a modern, dependable and efficient plant here he bought the controlling interest in the Artcrafts Company, a small plant with but little business. Under Mr. Guenther's management the business was rapidly developed. At the end of a year he succeeded in amalgamating the Artcrafts Company and the Bierman Engraving Company under the firm name of the Artcrafts Engraving Company, and he became the president and general manager of the company. Later the plant of the Western Electrotype Company was acquired and new equipment added. In 1917 the Swan Johnson photo studio was purchased and the entire organization moved to the fifth and sixth floors of the Jenkins building, 715 Felix street, where it is now located.

Mr. Guenther is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is an Elk. He is a member of the First English Lutheran Church, and has been a member of the council of that organization since 1914. He was superintendent of the Sunday school in 1918, and taught the Business Men's class in 1919-20. He is independent in his political views, with a leaning toward the Democrats.

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For about four years he has been president and a director of the Empire Trust Company, and it is with the affairs of this institution that he spends the greater part of his time. In season, when banking hours are over, Mr. Hamilton hastens to enjoy his one hobby, which is farming. He cultivates seventeen acres at the edge of town, where his home is located.

Mr. Hamilton is a staunch Republican, though not active in political affairs. He is a member of the Benton, Highlands Golf and Elks Clubs.

His home, "The Pines," is on Ashland boulevard, and was formerly the Hundley place.





MR. L. C. HAMILTON

THE call of the West—or, to quote Horace Greeley, “Go west, young man, and grow up with the country,” met a response in Mr. Hamilton. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., March 7, 1860, son of Jonathan and Mary Ann (Gibson) Hamilton. His father was a merchant, conducting a general store in Lancaster County. Mr. Hamilton was tutored first by Prof. Andrews of Cole-rain, Pa., then by Prof. Harvey of Unionville, Pa., and afterward entered Eastman’s College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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MR. LONGLEY HARDMAN

BORN in the old cathedral city of Manchester, England, January 28, 1847, Longley Hardman came with his parents, James and Mary (Longley) Hardman, to this country in 1854, locating in Taunton, Mass. Here he lived until 1865, then went to Boston. In 1868 he removed to Chicago, where he resided until coming to St. Joseph in 1871. He took the position of foreman for the St. Joseph Steam Printing Co. and continued with this firm until 1885, when he started in business for himself, in which he is now actively engaged. He has succeeded in making his name a synonym for "quality" in the production of fine printing.

Mr. Hardman received his early education in a printing office and by attending night school in the winter.

Living in Massachusetts during the civil war it is not surprising that Mr. Hardman imbibed Republican dogmas and has adhered to them ever since. He was a member of the Home Guards in that state in 1862-3-4.

In May, 1872, he became a Pythian, joining St. Joseph Lodge No. 22 within two weeks after its organization; was past chancellor in 1878, and shortly thereafter was elected grand prelate of the Missouri domain—the first time he attended Grand Lodge. He was re-elected the next year.

He is also a D. O. K. K. and for five years in the early '80s was captain of the Uniform Rank.

Mr. Hardman joined the Masonic order in 1876, and is still a member of Charity Lodge, of which he is past master. He is a member of Mitchell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

He is a member of the Commerce Club and the Y. M. C. A. His church association is with Christ Episcopal Church, of which he is a member.

Mr. Hardman is especially proficient in all kinds of ritualistic work and has a wonderful memory. He is an unusually good entertainer and a great lover of flowers, possessing a conservatory and having a wonderful knowledge of the names and habits of his flowers.

Mr. Hardman was married May 19, 1860, at Chicago, to Miss Hannah Elizabeth Sanford, daughter of Erastus Sanford of Taunton, Mass. They have had five children, one daughter having died in infancy. The other children are married, Charles W. Hardman, married Miss Herrman and lives on Catilina Island; Longley Hardman, Jr., lives in Seattle; Martha Ada, now Mrs. G. A. Vollmer of St. Joseph, and Ruth, wife of Rev. J. E. Baker of St. Joseph..

The Hardman home is No. 1002 Powell street.





DR. M. L. HARTWELL

THE ancestral line of Dr. Hartwell dates, in this country, to the landing of William Hartwell, who came from England with the Pilgrim fathers and settled at Concord, Mass. Oliver Hartwell, grandfather of Dr. Hartwell, settled at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, early in the eighteenth century, raised a large family, and removed to DeKalb County, Missouri, after the civil war.

Dr. Hartwell was born in DeKalb County, January 16, 1891, son of Warren and Eldora (Osborn) Hartwell. He is the youngest of four children, two of whom died in infancy. A sister is the wife of S. S. Porter, a banker in Miami, Oklahoma. Dr. Hartwell's father was born in Ohio in 1845, and, with four brothers, served in the Union Army in the civil war. He moved to Missouri in 1870, and was a successful farmer in DeKalb County for thirty-five years. He then removed to Allen, Kansas. Dr. Hartwell's mother was born in Iowa in 1856. She was married to Warren Hartwell in 1876, and both are living in Kansas.

Dr. Hartwell's early schooling was in DeKalb County, Missouri, and Lyon County, Kansas. Two years were spent at the Emporia Normal; one year at the Ottawa University, and in June, 1914, he graduated from Central College of Osteopathy at Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1910 he was a bank clerk at Iantha, Missouri, and in 1913 engaged in the publishing business at Kansas City, Missouri. He was elected president of the Missouri Osteopathic Association in 1918 and was re-elected to that office two consecutive years; was elected member of the Department of Education of the American Osteopathic Association in 1919; appointed chairman of Forward Movement Division American Osteopathic Association in 1920; member of National Committee of Organization of Osteopathic Service League of United States, and is a practicing osteopathic physician in St. Joseph, having located here in October, 1916. He is a director in the Osteopathic Hospital Company of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Independent in his political views, Dr. Hartwell stands for Americanism first; democracy in political, industrial and social life. He is a member of the Commerce Club and the City Club.

Dr. Hartwell was married in Kansas City, Missouri, February 13, 1912, to Mabel M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Murray of Lamar, Missouri. They have one son, Murray Lloyd Hartwell.







MESSRS. SOL. AND MORRIS HIRSCH

THE firm of Hirsch Brothers Dry Goods Company has been established in St. Joseph for thirty years.

Mr. Sol. Hirsch, the president, was not yet of age when he started in business for himself at Kiowa, Kan., in 1885, in company with his older brother, Leo. Mr. Morris Hirsch, secretary and treasurer of the company, joined his brothers about a year later. Mr. Leo Hirsch lived in St. Joseph. He died in 1889 and was buried here.

The St. Joseph store was opened in 1891 in a 20-foot building at 319 Felix street, where another dry goods store had just failed in business. The store prospered from the start and the building soon became too small. Four years later they moved to the "Old Corner," at Fourth and Felix, into a 10-foot store, again succeeding an unsuccessful dry goods store, which had failed the same year. The site of this old store is now occupied by the First National Bank. The firm remained at this location for eight years, growing by leaps and bounds. Then it made the bold move from one extreme end of the business district to the other, and caused a building to be erected having a 120-foot front, and equipped it with up-to-date fixtures on the order of the large mercantile establishments in the east, making it a show place of the town. It was the first and biggest modern equipped dry goods store ever opened in St. Joseph. With prophetic foresight they set back the building line, thereby widening Eighth street, and set an example which was followed by all the property owners for a half dozen blocks south. The establishment of this new location proved a crisis not only for Hirsch Brothers, but for the retail district, for it meant the changing of the geographical center of the city's business district. The usual prophecies as to the success or failure of a progressive move were met with, and the undertaking was no easy task.

It took years to bring about this change. Finally dogged determination, backed by the highest business principles, pluck and hard work, combined with business integrity and intelligence, accomplished the task. The un-



tarnished reputation earned by years of square dealing won the confidence of the public and brought forth the needed financial backing, and step by step the business developed, until today it has attained gigantic proportions, the store having the largest ground space of any retail establishment in the city, and is as badly crowded now as the little 20-foot store was twenty-five years ago. Only the unsettled conditions following the world's war have delayed building operations contemplating the doubling of the store's present capacity. The citizens of St. Joseph watch with interest the development of this important enterprise which, from

its infancy, has grown up with the town and has become an important factor, giving employment in the busy season to from 400 to 500 people.

The two brothers who own this mercantile establishment have always devoted their energies to it, and while they have been active in all the commercial bodies of the city they have also held membership in several social organizations, including the Masonic fraternity. They have, however, always refused to hold office or accept prominent positions.





DR. EDWARD DUMVILLE HOLME

**D**R. E. D. HOLME is a native of Andrew County, Missouri, where he was born April 1, 1867, on an old negro plantation, purchased by his father at the close of the Civil war. His father was the son of James H. Holme, a woollen draper of Pontefract, Yorkshire, England, and his mother the daughter of Thomas Dumville, a woollen manufacturer of Huddersfield, England.

After finishing the public schools of Savannah, Dr. Holme attended the Northwestern Normal at Maryville, Missouri, and later entered Louis College, Glasgow, Missouri. He then taught school for some years. His earliest ambition was to become a physician. He left school at one time to read medicine in the office of Dr. Eli Ensor of Savannah, but upon the death of the doctor returned to school. Dr. Holme gave up teaching in 1898, to take up the study of medicine in the American School of Osteopathy, from which institution he graduated in 1901. He then located in Tarkio, Missouri, becoming associated with his sister, Dr. Anna Holme Hurst, in the practice of medicine. In 1901 they removed to St. Joseph, where they both enjoy an extensive and most successful practice.

Dr. Holme was elected president of the first osteopathic organization in St. Joseph. He has been a member of the American Osteopathic Association since 1901, and has a high standing in the profession. He also graduated from the Illinois Post Graduate School of Medicine and Surgery at Chicago in 1915.

In addition to his professional work Dr. Holme has large business interests in and adjoining St. Joseph. He helped organize and is the president of the Fidelity Trust Company of this city, and has large farming interests in Buchanan and Andrew Counties, Missouri.

On December 25, 1892, he was married to Lucy S. Bedford of Savannah, Missouri, daughter of Alexander M. and Mary Selectman Bedford. Mrs. Holme's parents were old settlers in Andrew County. Her father is a native of Kentucky, and has extensive farming interests in Andrew County. Her mother was born in Virginia. When a young lady her mother rode horseback from Savannah, Missouri, to Louisville, Kentucky.

Three sons have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Holme: Paul B. Holme, assistant treasurer of the Fidelity Trust Company; Edward D., Jr., and James Alexander, who died in infancy. The Holme home is No. 923 Robidoux street.





MR. JOHN W. HOLTMAN

**A**FTER finishing the public schools Mr. Holtman worked for several years on a farm near Quincy, Illinois, in which city he was born November 7, 1867. In 1887, when about 20 years of age, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he worked in a machine shop for a while. He then engaged in the live stock business, continuing until 1897, when he came to St. Joseph, continuing in the live stock business. He was manager for several years of the Crider Brothers Live Stock Commission Company of this city, but later acquired all of the capital stock of that company and changed the corporate name to the Holtman & Sons Commission Company, which is now owned by himself and his sons.

Mr. Holtman was elected a member of the city council in 1910, and has served ten years. He is still a member of that body. In 1912 and 1916 he served as president of the council. He is a Democrat and takes an active part in politics.

Mr. Holtman has always taken an active part in all charitable and patriotic movements. He is one of the most prominent Masons in northwest Missouri, being a member of King Hill Lodge No. 376, A. F. & A. M., of which body he served as worshipful master during the year 1908; King Hill Chapter No. 55, O. E. S., of which he served as worthy patron during the year 1906; Mitchell Chapter No. 14, R. A. M.; St. Joseph Council No. 9, R. & S. M.; Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar. On November 20, 1903, he received the thirty-second degree in Missouri Consistory No. 1 at St. Louis, Missouri, after which he moved his membership to St. Joseph, Missouri. He is now a member of all the Scottish Rite Masonic bodies in St. Joseph.

On March 20, 1908, he was made knight commander of the Court of Honor, and on October 22, 1909, he received the thirty-third degree and became honorary member of the Supreme Council for the southern jurisdiction of the United States. On October 20, 1913, he received Royal Order of Scotland at Washington, D. C. On February 10, 1904, he became a member of Moila Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at St. Joseph, Missouri, and was elected high priest and prophet of that temple in December, 1919. On June 6,





1918, at Atlantic City, N. J., he was elected an honorary life member of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of St. Joseph, and a charter member of the National Masonic Research Society, organized January 1, 1915.

He is a member of the First English Lutheran Church of St. Joseph. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, Ross Dugger Post No. 251, and various other clubs of the city.

Mr. Holtman was married January 16, 1889, at Quincy, Illinois, to Dora, daughter of William F. and Doratheia

Charlotte Fleer. Her father was engaged in the cooperage business at Quincy. There were born of this marriage the following children: Frank William Holtman, who married Ruth Cleveland Ellis; Virginia Vandine Holtman, who married Lieut. Reinhold Rifenbary; Helen Hilamine Holtman, Louise Sophia Holtman, Henry John Holtman, who married Freda Violet Muncie, and Dorothy Pearl Holtman.

During the late world war Mr. Holtman served as a member of the draft board in South St. Joseph, having been appointed by the president on October 20, 1917, and was also very active in all of the local activities incident to the war.

The Holtman home is No. 416 Lee street.





MR. SAMUEL S. HOTCHKISS

**B**ELIEVING for a time that he would like to be a merchant, Mr. Hotchkiss found employment in the retail dry good stores of Chambers & Marney and Sampson & Schmechel. This was when he came to St. Joseph in 1889. After devoting two years to merchandising he took up the carpenter trade with his father, who was a general contractor. Later he became associated with Hugh King, and upon Mr. King's death succeeded him in the general contracting and manufacturing business, in which he is now engaged.

Mr. Hotchkiss was born October 17, 1875, at Catskill, N. Y., son of Stephens Sherwood and Carrie (Lampman) Hotchkiss. Both parents were natives of New York. In 1879 the family emigrated to Kansas, settling near Marysville. Ten years later they moved to St. Joseph.

For a period of more than thirty years Mr. Hotchkiss has been identified with the building of St. Joseph. He is the president and owner of the company bearing his name and conducts a large mill in connection with his office at Eighteenth and Penn streets. He has built many of the business houses, clubs and schools in St. Joseph, more prominent among them being the Krug building, Heaton building, American Electric Company, American Printing Company, Vogelmann Bakery, Prinz Dancing Academy, Neely School, St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Orpheum Theatre, Colonial Theatre, Kinnison Apartments, and Charleston Apartments. Residences built by Mr. Hotchkiss include those of Frazer L. Ford, E. J. Eckel, F. R. Castle, J. H. Price, L. M. Pinkston, Mrs. Florence Johnson, and that of Judge W. K. James, Avenue City, Mo., the Andrew County Infirmary, and high schools at College Springs, Iowa, and Slater, Mo. During the past fifteen years Mr. Hotchkiss has had nearly every store building on Felix street from Fourth to Eighth on temporary supports while putting in modern fronts and in other ways remodeling them.

Throughout the period of the world war Mr. Hotchkiss was district organizer United States Public Reserve, dur-



ing which time he recruited over 2,500 men for war work in seventeen west Missouri counties. He was also chairman of the Community Labor Board for the duration of the war. For three years he was a member of Company K, Missouri National Guard, under Colonel Clay MacDonald.

Mr. Hotchkiss is a member of the Commerce Club and is now serving his second term as a director of the club. He is a director of the Building Industries Club, and is a past president of the organization. He is a member of

the Elks Club, and the St. Joseph Country Club and Highlands Golf and Country Club. Religiously he is a Methodist and politically a Democrat.

On July 28, 1897, Mr. Hotchkiss was married in St. Joseph to Miss Lucille Hudnall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hudnall. One son, Stephen Foster Hotchkiss, who is now associated with his father in business, is the only child.

The Hotchkiss home is No. 2741 Seneca street.





MR. JAMES EDWARD HUNT

IN THE block across the street east from the city hall is handled more tonnage of freight than any other block in St. Joseph. This immense tonnage represents things to eat, but largely fruits and vegetables. The biggest fruit house in the city, that of Hunt Bros. Fruit Company, is located in this block, and the subject of this sketch, James E. Hunt, is the president of the company.

Mr. Hunt was born at Brookfield, Mo., April 17, 1873, son of L. F. and Jennie (McNish) Hunt. His father, a Civil war veteran, now living at Long Beach, Cal., is a native of Northampton, Mass., and his mother was born in Canada. When Mr. Hunt was 5 years of age his parents moved to a farm near Brookfield. He grew to manhood on the farm; attending the Brookfield College; taught school one year and later acquired a business course at the Grand Island Business College, Grand Island, Neb. Coming to St. Joseph in 1894 Mr. Hunt's first employment was in a grocery store at \$1.00 per week. The following year he entered the Burlington general office, where he continued until January, 1898, when he went to Prescott, Ariz., with the Santa Fe. Returning to St. Joseph in November, 1899, he engaged with the Grand Island, and was at Elwood when the grain elevator was built and the business unusually heavy. He next became freight solicitor for the Rock Island in South St. Joseph, and then chief clerk to Remus F. Atwood, commercial agent for that line.

In 1904 Mr. Hunt founded the Hunt Bros. Fruit Company, a business which has been developed from the ground up. Starting with a capital of less than \$2,000 the firm today does an annual business of a million dollars. The apple growing industry is the strongest line. Within a radius of ten miles of St. Joseph the company has over 600 acres of bearing orchards, and is still putting out new orchards, 130 acres having been set to apple trees the past season. Mr. Hunt is also president of the following companies: Kenmoor Orchard Company, located on the DeKalb road; Wathena Commercial Orchard Company,





Wathena, Kans., and the Platte County Orchard Company, Platte County, Mo.

Mr. Hunt has affiliation with the Masonic order, and is a member of the Commerce Club and Automobile Club. He is a member of the First Congregational Church. Politically he is a Republican.

He was married in St. Joseph, January 13, 1901, to Miss Clara C. Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W.

Chase. Mrs. Hunt's father came to St. Joseph fifty years ago, and is the founder of the G. W. Chase & Son Candy Company. Two children, Madeline May and Frederick Chase Hunt have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

The original Hunts in this country came from England in 1657 and settled in Northampton, Mass. Twelve Hunts were in the Revolutionary war and five in the war of 1812.

The Hunt home is at No. 2202 Jule street.





MR. GEORGE MITCHELL JOHNSON

**G**EORGE MITCHELL JOHNSON, vice-president of the Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Company, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, May 1, 1861, son of Ithiel and Mary Ellen (Hollingsworth) Johnson. When 22 years of age he came to St. Joseph and entered the employ of the Wyeth firm. He served in various capacities until 1896, when he was elected secretary and credit manager. Upon the death of Mr. W. M. Wyeth, the president of the company, in March, 1901, Mr. Johnson was elected vice-president, the position he now occupies.

For thirty-seven years Mr. Johnson has been associated with and played an important part in the development of one of the largest wholesale establishments in the west. He has also been prominent and active in the community life of the city. When the Commercial Club was first organized Mr. Johnson was the secretary, and in 1912 he served the club as a director. He was one of the organizers of the St. Joseph Country Club, of which he is now a member. He is a director of the Bartlett Trust Company of this city, and a director of the Associated Industries of Missouri. He holds membership in the Commerce Club, Athletic Club and the Automobile Club. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and an elder. He has been active in the work of this church for thirty-seven years.

On May 26, 1890, Mr. Johnson was married in St. Joseph to Miss Minnie R. Sterrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Sterrett. Mrs. Johnson was born in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, a daughter, Margaret, who married Louis M. Pinkston, of St. Joseph. They have one child, Margaret Noel Pinkston, born December 25, 1916.

The St. Joseph home of Mr. Johnson is No. 219 North Twentieth street, and his summer home is on Clear Water Lake, near Annandale, Minn.





MR. MINETRY JONES

WHILE making a success in the commercial world, Mr. Jones has never been unmindful of his duties as a citizen, and especially has he manifested an interest in religious affairs. For thirty-eight years he has been a resident of St. Joseph, and at all times has stood sponsor for the things which elevate and encourage his fellowmen.

He is a native of Virginia, born in Caroline County, June 4, 1855, at the summer home of his parents, Thomas Sellers and Mary Elizabeth (Pollard) Jones, who lived at Marl Hill, King William, County, Va.

Mr. Jones attended school in Richmond, Va., during and succeeding the Civil war, and was a special pupil of the Richmond Institute, of which his brother, Prof. James Leigh Jones, was principal.

In August, 1872, he engaged in the manufacture of tobacco in Richmond, becoming manager of the factory and leaf tobacco buyer. On December 31, 1882, Mr. Jones arrived in St. Joseph to engage in business as an expert in tobacco, with the wholesale grocery house of Turner-Frazier Mercantile Company. He remained with this firm until 1898, when they sold out to the Letts-Spencer Grocer Company. For ten years just preceding this sale Mr. Jones was secretary of the Turner-Frazier Mercantile Company, and liquidated that business.

In 1901 he organized the Jones-Payne Hat Company, wholesale dealers in hats, caps, gloves and straw goods. The firm name was changed in 1909 to the Jones Hat Company, Mr. Jones continuing president of the new company, as he was of the old.

Mr. Jones is a conservative Democrat of the Grover Cleveland stamp. He has never sought public office, but served three years, under appointment by Mayor Spratt, on the Charity Board. In religious work he has been faithful and earnest, having for twenty-six years, consecutively, been moderator or presiding officer of the St. Joseph Bap-



tist Association of Churches. At present Mr. Jones is assistant moderator of the Missouri Baptist General State Association, and chairman of the executive committee of the State Board of Missouri. He is a trustee of the William Jewell College of Liberty, Mo., a Baptist denominational school. For a number of years he has been a deacon in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph.

In business and social organizations Mr. Jones is a member of the Commerce Club and the St. Joseph Country Club. He is fond of golf and may be seen on the links regularly. He has the honor of being president of the American Association of Wholesale Hatters, an organization composed of all the wholesale hat merchants in the United States.

Mr. Jones was married in St. Joseph, November 1, 1887, to Miss Cornelia A. Garnett, a niece of R. E. Turner. Miss Garnett's father, Daniel Garnett, was a Baptist minister. Her mother's maiden name was Hill. The Garnett and Hill families were prominent in Virginia, some of the Hill family now living at Culpepper, Va.

Three sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Richard Turner Jones, who married Roma A. Jones, whose father was formerly president of the Stock Yards Bank of St. Joseph. He later became presi-

dent of the U. S. National Bank of Denver, Colo., and was killed in an automobile accident April 27, 1916. Minetry Leigh Jones was married to Anna Mary Newlee, daughter of John M. Newlee of Liberty, Mo., Elizabeth F. and Jenner Garnett Jones, the latter a student at William Jewell College.

The father of our subject, Thomas Sellers Jones, of "Marl Hill," King William County, Va., was an orphan of Welsh parentage, and was raised by his uncle, Captain James Jones, of Cattail, King William County, his mother a great grand daughter of Ambrose Edwards, who was the son of a clergyman of the Church of England, and who immigrated to America in 1745, and settled in King William County, Va., on a tract of land granted by the king and built a fine old house. It is now gray with age, but in fair condition, and is known as "Cherry Grove." It has been occupied by six generations of the family.

Mr. Jones' mother was a daughter of George Butler Pollard. She was the mother of seven children—James Leigh, Minetry, Francis Anne, Sarah H., Frances H., Hannah Cary, Thomas S., Jr., and Henry Jenner.

The latter two served in the Confederate States army, and were killed in the Civil war.

The Jones home is No. 1526 Edmond street.







MR. FRED M. KELLER

WITH his heart set on being a cattleman it was with some indifference that Mr. Keller, when he came to St. Joseph twenty-four years ago, presented a letter of introduction to Mr. John D. Richardson, then manager of the National Biscuit Company. The success of Mr. Keller in the candy business is simply a verification that boyhood dreams do not always come true.

Mr. Keller was born at Sutton, Neb., January 3, 1876, son of W. J. and Sarah H (Merritt) Keller. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, removed to Wisconsin. His mother was born in New Jersey, and her family also moved to Wisconsin. It was in the Badger State that they met and were married. Soon after, however, they decided to settle in Nebraska, where they arrived in the early '70s, their point of destination being Sutton, which was then the terminus of the Burlington railroad. Mr. Keller engaged in the merchandise business. He had served in the civil war and was of a military turn. He organized the first company of National Guards in the state, and was colonel of the regiment at the time of the great Burlington strike. He was influential in state politics, and was appointed land commissioner under President Cleveland.

Mr. Keller attended the public schools of Sutton. His first position was with the Phoenix Building and Loan Association of St. Joseph, which he represented on the road for a year. He then engaged with the National Biscuit Company in 1896. After a short time spent in the house he was given a road position, his territory being the central and western part of Nebraska, where he called on the retail trade. Later his time was given to the jobbing trade exclusively. In 1892 he was promoted to the position of sales manager, in which capacity he served until 1910, when he resigned to assist in the organization of the Mueller-Keller Candy Company. In this corporation he was made vice-president and sales manager. The wonderful development of this company cannot help but be construed in terms complimentary to Mr. Keller. His knowledge of the trade at large called him to the presidency of the Midland Club in 1918, an organization composed of



wholesale candy manufacturers of the central west. Previous to this he was for three years zone chairman of the same club. The Mueller-Keller Candy Company's expanding business recently called for an increase of \$187,000 in the capital stock of the corporation, making a total capitalization of \$387,000.

Mr. Keller finds time to take a directing part in the Fall Festival Association, is a member of the Commerce Club, Athletic Club, Y. M. C. A., St. Joseph Country and Highlands Golf and Country Clubs. He is Democratic in his political views, but takes no active part in politics.

Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, having

passed through the chairs of this order. He is a member of Council 109, U. C. T., of Hastings, Neb. He has been affiliated with the St. Joseph Lodge of Elks since 1897, having filled the office of leading knight, but resigned. Mr. Keller's church association is with the First Christian Church.

On Christmas day, 1897, Mr. Keller was married to Dora, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. C. A. Ewing, of Lathrop, Mo. Colonel Ewing was widely known as an importer of fine horses. A daughter, Mildred, is the only child of this marriage.

The Keller home is No. 801 North Twenty-fifth street.





DR. W. F. KIMBALL

**D**URING President Arthur's occupancy of the White House, Walter Ferris Kimball arrived in Washington. The date was November 20, 1883. Because of the manner in which the nation's ruler had acquired his high office our subject did not form any pronounced political views. His father, Judge Ivory G. Kimball, a native of the old granite state, Maine, was born May 5, 1845. His mother, Anna Z. Ferris, was born in northern New York.

Judge Kimball died May 15, 1916, in Washington, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His wife had passed away in March, 1914.

Dr. Kimball is a descendant of Richard Kimball, who, with his brother, Henry, sailed from Ipswich, Suffolk County, England, April 10, 1634, and landed in Boston.

Receiving his education in the grammar schools of Washington and Mount Herman College he entered the Philadelphia Optical College of Philadelphia, Pa., for the study of his profession.

In July, 1907, Dr. Kimball located in St. Joseph, coming here from Washington, D. C. He engaged in the scientific examination of the eye, and the fitting and manufacture of spectacles and eye glasses. His business has developed in a very satisfactory manner, the trade being extended into the adjoining states.

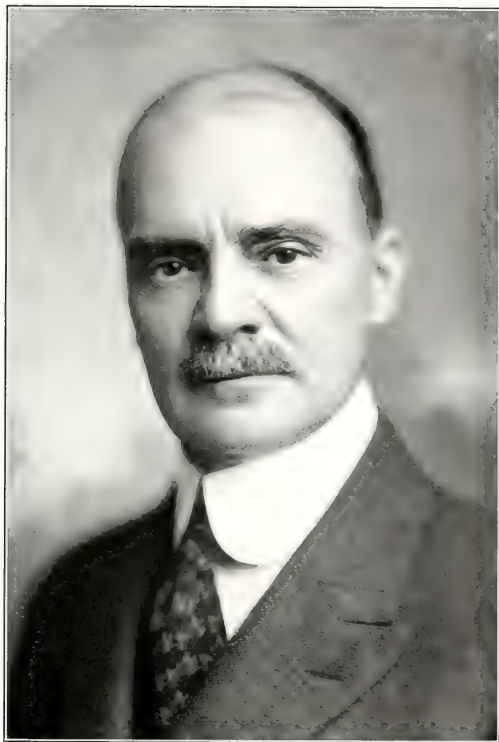
Dr. Kimball is also one of St. Joseph's prominent musicians. For a number of years he has had charge of the music for the First Congregational Church, where he is a member of both the choir and the church. He is popular in a social way, having membership in the Rotary Club, the Arab Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Commerce Club and Y. M. C. A.

Fraternally he has received thirty-two degrees in the Scottish rite and all York rite branches of Freemasonry, and is a Shriner; also a member of the Elks Lodge.

November 1, 1913, he was married to Zuba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rhudy. Mrs. Kimball's grandfather, William Washington Brown, was sheriff of Buchanan County during the Civil war.

Dr. Kimball's home is No. 4908 King Hill avenue.





MR. OWEN B. KNIGHT

VIRGINIA is the native state of Mr. Knight. He was born in Frederick County near the historic old town of Winchester, in the Shenandoah Valley, November 15, 1869, son of Benjamin M. and Octavia Owen (Long) Knight. Both parents were natives of Virginia. His father served in the Confederate army during the Civil war. The Knight home was between the lines during this terrible conflict.

After gaining an education in the common schools of Virginia, Mr. Knight came to St. Joseph. This was in June, 1888. He at once entered the employ of the Brittain-Richardson Dry Goods Company, and remained with this firm eight years. The following six years were spent with the Tootle-Weakley Millinery Company, when he resigned to engage in business for himself. The present Knight-Reed Mercantile Company, of which he is president, was then organized, and it has developed into one of the largest millinery houses on the Missouri River, sending its traveling salesmen into practically all of the states west to the Pacific coast. Mr. Knight has taken an important part in the commercial life of St. Joseph. He is a member of the Commerce Club, and was formerly a director of that organization.

He was an officer in the Fourth Regiment National Guards of Missouri for twelve years, holding the rank of captain and adjutant. While not eligible for active service during the world war, on account of age, Mr. Knight was a most enthusiastic worker at home, taking a prominent part in all war activities.

At the present time Mr. Knight is a member of the Library Board. He has always been a Democrat, but is very liberal in his views; is a Mason and a member of the Elks lodge. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club and the Athletic Club, and is one of the original golf enthusiasts of St. Joseph. He is fond of all outdoor sports, especially hunting and horseback riding. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Knight was married in St. Joseph, June 6, 1900, to Miss Clara Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Reed. Mr. Reed is one of the ablest and most prominent lawyers





in St. Joseph, where he has resided since 1867. He is a native of New York State, and a veteran of the Civil war. His wife, whose maiden name was Kimball, is a native of Bath, Maine, and her father was a banker and ship builder.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Knight: Owen B. Knight, Jr., M. Reed Knight, Margaret Kimball Knight, and Virginia Long Knight.

Mr. Knight is a direct descendant of Ninnian Beall, who came to this country from Scotland in 1665, settling in Maryland. He was a large land owner, and at the time of his death owned the land on which Georgetown, D. C., is now located. Mr. Knight is also a direct descendant of Major Robert Owen of Revolutionary fame.

The Knight home is No. 547 North Sixth street.





MR. HENRY KRUG, JR.

BUT chiefly, the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands." To those who have known Mr. Krug over a period of years these lines seem to have a special significance, for he began the molding of his business career at the age of 16. Following his life of unselfish devotion to his home city, taking note of his personal success and his high standing in the community, it becomes apparent that Mr. Krug possessed a full appreciation of the truth expressed in this quotation.

Mr. Krug was born in St. Joseph, July 9, 1861, son of Henry and Louise Krug. His father was among the first to engage in the meat packing industry in St. Joseph, establishing a plant at Fourth and Monterey streets in the early '70s. St. Joseph's most beautiful park, Krug Park, was a gift to the city by Mr. Krug's father and an uncle, in 1889. The tract comprised twenty acres.

Mr. Krug was educated in the schools of St. Joseph. He then became associated with the Henry Krug Packing Company, and was engaged in this business about twenty-eight years.

In 1887 he helped organize the American National Bank, which was temporarily located on Fifth street, pending the completion of its present handsome building at Seventh and Felix streets, and which it occupied in 1889. He is now chairman of the board of this strong institution. He was one of the organizers of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company in 1887.

Mr. Krug is financially interested in many large enterprises in St. Joseph, and his concern in the civic, religious and commercial affairs of the city have found expression in numerous ways. He is president of the Library Board, president of the St. Joseph Music Festival Association, and to him belongs the credit for this organization and the holding together of it until it became a living and recognized part of the community life. In 1905 he was president of the Commerce Club.

Throughout the world war period Mr. Krug took an



active part in various war activities and was secretary of the Buchanan County Council of Defense and vice-president of the St. Joseph Chapter American Red Cross. His benevolences are many, chief among them being a donation to the city, in 1914, of an additional thirty-one acres to Krug Park, making it possible to provide needed features demanded by the city's development.

Mr. Krug is a member of the Elks Lodge. Socially he has membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club, and the Commerce Club. He is a member of the First Presby-

terian Church, and for five years was president of the Board of Deacons.

On May 18, 1892, he was married to Selma Hegner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hegner of St. Joseph. No children have been born of this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Krug adopted two children, a boy and a girl, and have raised and educated them with all the devotion of true parents. The daughter, Ludelda, married Mr. B. M. Calkins of St. Joseph, and the son, Raymond, married Marion Dolman, daughter of John A. Dolman of St. Joseph.

The Krug home is No. 1105 Krug Park Place.





PROF. HERBERT FREDERICK KRUMME

OF MUSIC it has been said that it calls in the spirits, composes the thoughts, recreates the mind, and so not only fits one for after business, but fills the heart with pure and useful thoughts; so that when music sounds the sweetliest in the ears, truth commonly flows the clearest in the mind.

Such an appreciation of music must have been responsible for Prof. Krumme pursuing the study of the art at night after his day's work in the office of a wholesale grocery house had been completed. At any rate he was determined to be a musician, and his prominence in city and state musical affairs is evidence of his success.

Prof. Krumme is a native of St. Joseph, the date of his birth being April 5, 1883. His father, Frederick C. Krumme, was for many years one of the best known and successful traveling salesmen out of St. Joseph, his line being china goods, while his grandfather, John H. Krumme, was an early shoe man in St. Joseph.

Prof. Krumme's mother was Lydia E. Kost, daughter of Rev. John G. Kost, who came to St. Joseph about 1870. She was quite musical, and as a young woman frequently sang in public, possessing a rich contralto voice.

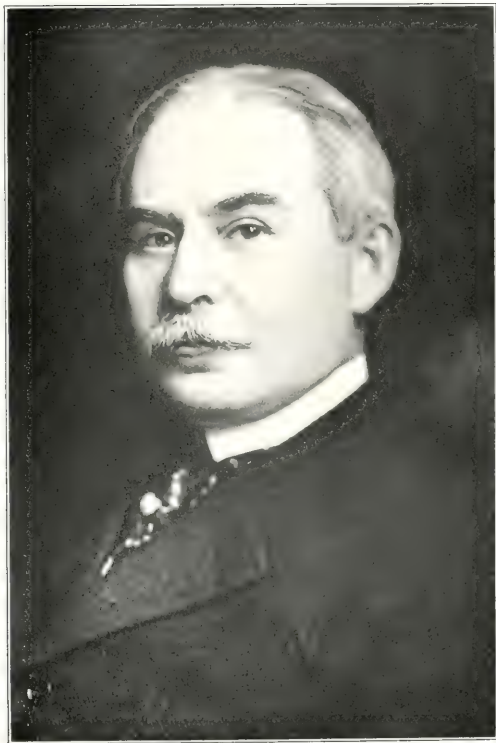
After leaving the high school Prof. Krumme filled a clerical position in the general offices of the Burlington railroad, and then entered the employ of a wholesale grocery house. During this latter employment he took up the special study of music entirely under private tutoring. He spent four years of study in St. Joseph under Frederick Fleming Beale and Mrs. Jesse L. Gaynor in piano, organ and theory. Going to Chicago he continued piano from Blanche Dingley Mathews and organ from William E. Zeuch. All this study supplemented his study and playing as a boy, he having played more or less constantly, since large enough to do so.

For nearly eleven years Prof. Krumme has been organist and director of the First Christian Church of St. Joseph. He is also organist of the Scottish Rite bodies of Freemasonry, and is a member of the Masonic order, being made a Mason in 1912, and later receiving the 32nd degree and the Shrine. He served one term as patron of St. Joseph Chapter No. 198, O. E. S., and two terms as president of the Missouri Music Teachers' Association.

Prof. Krumme's studio is in the Moss building and his residence at 2125 Olive street. He is unmarried.







MR. GRAHAM GORDON LACY

TO BE able to forecast and read correctly the barometer of finance, in times of peace and plenty, war and pestilence, prosperity and panic, is the distinction enjoyed by Mr. Lacy. Due to his extended banking experience and careful study of world affairs he is recognized as an expert in his profession.

Mr. Lacy is vice-president of the Tootle-Lacy National Bank of St. Joseph. He is a native of Virginia, born in Spotsylvania County, August 8, 1858. His parents, James Horace and Betty Churchill (Jones) Lacy, were also born in Virginia of distinguished families.

Receiving his early education in private schools, Mr. Lacy then attended the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia, from which he received the degree of B. S. in July, 1879. He then took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. Coming to St. Joseph in May, 1882, he engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he continued until 1889, when he entered the banking business with Tootle, Lemon & Co., private bankers. In 1912 the business was reorganized and incorporated as the Tootle-Lemon National Bank, and Mr. Lacy was elected vice-president. The corporate name was again changed in 1918 to admit Mr. Lacy's name.

Mr. Lacy has been associated with several of St. Joseph's largest industries. He is now vice-president of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Company; director of the St. Joseph & Savannah Interurban, and is a former director of the Aunt Jemima Milling Company, and president of Westminster Improvement Company of St. Joseph.

He is a member of the Society of Cincinnati, of the St. Joseph Country Club. Religiously he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is now an elder.

Mr. Lacy was married in St. Joseph, November 11, 1886, to Ellen Belle Tootle, daughter of Thomas E. and Ellen B. Tootle. Mr. Tootle was a capitalist and banker.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy: Agnes Churchill, married Eric C. Moore of Rochester, N. Y.; Mary Graham, married George E. Porter of St. Joseph; Lucy Lyle, married Lieut. Raymond S. Jett, Philippine Islands; Bibi E., Ellen T., and Graham G., Jr.

Mr. Lacy is of English descent, his first forebear in this country coming from Yorkshire, England, and settling in Virginia in 1698.

The Lacy home is No. 2912 Frederick boulevard.





MR. T. SPENCER LADD

THE mercantile career of Mr. Ladd began when he was twelve years of age. His first employment was that of delivery boy for a retail store in Albion, Neb. The unusual energy displayed and the interest manifested in store affairs soon led to a series of promotions, with the result that a good position was reached. Having an ambition to sell goods on the road, Mr. Ladd came to St. Joseph in November, 1902. At this time the Battreall Shoe Company was just starting and he entered its employ as stock clerk. By hard work and strict application to the business he succeeded in being assigned to a territory at the end of a year's service. Meeting with splendid success in his new vocation he continued traveling for nine years. The position as sales manager was then tendered him, which he accepted, and occupies at this time. He is a stockholder in the firm.

Mr. Ladd was born at Rio, Ill., November 1, 1882, son of Wallace W. and Mary M. Ladd. His parents now live at Albion, Neb., where they removed in 1882.

The genealogical record of the Ladd family shows that Nathaniel Ladd came from England in the early days and settled in New Hampshire and that all the Ladds in this country are his descendants.

Mr. Ladd is a member of the Masonic order, a Shriner and an Elk. He belongs to the St. Joseph Country Club. His church affiliation is with Christ Episcopal. He served a year and a half in the Nebraska State Guards. Mr. Ladd's hobby is to work hard and play the same way.

On September 10, 1912, he was married to Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holland. Mrs. Ladd is an only child, and her father is one of the best known insurance men in St. Joseph.

Two children have been born of this marriage, T. Spencer, Jr., and Littleton Holland Ladd.

The Ladd Home is No. 2244 North Twenty-second street.





MR. WALTER H. LAUBACH

THE development of a small business to one of considerable magnitude is the record achieved by Mr. Laubach in the management of the St. Joseph Tent and Awning Company. Mr. Laubach belongs to the younger set of business men who are alert to the possibilities of this market and are making good use of them.

He was born at Omaha, Neb., September 24, 1888, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Laubach. He graduated from the high school of his native city in 1906, and entered the University of Nebraska, from which he received the degree of civil engineer in 1911. In 1912 he became associated with the firm of Scott-Omaha Tent and Awning Company of Omaha in the manufacture of canvas goods. A short time after he acquired an interest (control) in the St. Joseph Tent and Awning Company of this city. The business was then located at 113 North Second street. To meet the demands of its increased trade the firm was recently obliged to seek new quarters, which were found at No. 204-206 North Fourth street, where more than double the floor space was secured. The company is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of tents, awnings, camping equipment and auto tourist supplies.

Mr. Laubach has membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club and Automobile Club, having to do with the business affairs of the city, and socially is a member of the Benton Club, Elks Club, St. Joseph Country and Highlands Golf and Country Clubs. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Laubach lives at the Benton Club.





MR. ERNEST HENRY LAWHON

ERNEST HENRY LAWHON was born at Maryville, Mo., August 19, 1879, son of Harry Stephen and Mary Ellen (Silence) Lawhon. His father was a native of Kansas and his mother was born in Missouri. The family removed to St. Joseph when Ernest was a child, and he was educated in the public schools here.

Before appreciating that he possessed a natural talent for building Mr. Lawhon engaged in a number of callings. He commenced as a newsboy and then was attracted to the candy making business. Following this he worked on the railroad and in the mines. Next he became a bricklayer, and in 1905 engaged in the business of brick contractor. Three years later he organized the St. Joseph Construction Company, which was changed to the Lawhon-Stamey Construction Company. Upon the retirement of Mr. Stamey the firm name was changed on May 24, 1918, to the Lawhon Construction Company, of which Mr. Lawhon is now president.

Mr. Lawhon has been very successful as a contractor, having constructed some of the most prominent buildings in the city, among them being the News-Press building, the Y. W. C. A., First Christian Church, St. Francis Hotel, addition to the Hotel Robidoux, and The Leader Department Store. He is president of the St. Joseph Quarries Company, whose quarries are located at Schuster, north of the city.

Mr. Lawhon is a member of the Commerce Club, Building Industries Club, and the General Contractors of America. He holds membership in the Green Hills Golf Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, having received both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite degrees, and is a Shriner. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World.

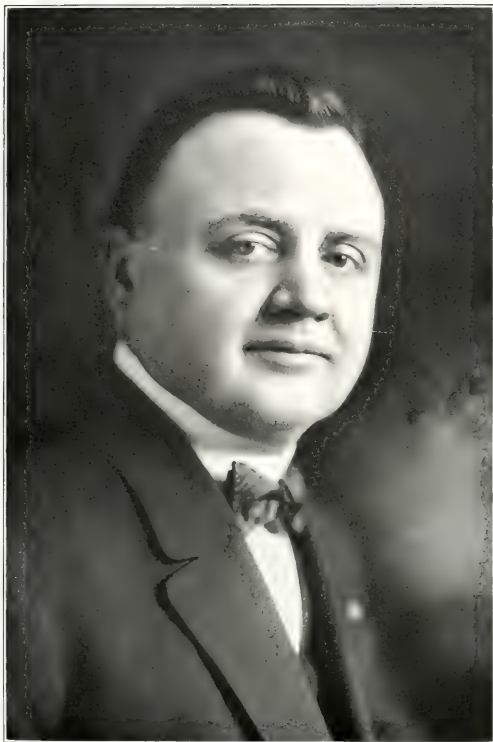
Mr. Lawhon is a Republican in national politics, but for the best man locally. He saw service in the Spanish-American war. He is a member of the First Christian Church.

On October 4, 1905, he was married to Miss Katherine A. Bandel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bandel.

The Lawhon home is in the Country Club District, north of the city.







MR. GEORGE FRANKLIN LEAPER

WITH \$20 in cash, half of which was borrowed, Mr. Leaper landed in St. Joseph on the 19th of September, 1901—the day President McKinley was buried. Mr. Leaper came from Beatrice, Neb. He secured a position as bookkeeper for an insurance company, but in a few months took a like position with the Parrish-Erickson Hardware Company. At the close of two years' service he was made assistant manager. In 1910 he resigned to become manager of the Hinckley Hardware Company. He held this position for three years and then acquired full ownership of the business, changing the name to the George F. Leaper Hardware Company, under which title he is now doing business.

Mr. Leaper was born October 1, 1880, near Cedar Falls, Iowa, in Black Hawk County. He is the son of Charles A. and Maria A. (Diehl) Leaper. Both parents are natives of Pennsylvania. They were married in Philadelphia, and moved to Iowa in 1870. Later (1884), they went to Jefferson County, Neb., remaining eight years, and in 1892 came to Missouri, locating at Osborn.

Mr. Leaper attended school at Diller, Neb., and then completed a commercial course at the Beatrice, Neb., Business College. He takes an active part in promoting the city's interest, being a member of the convention committee of both the Commerce and Ad Clubs, and also is a member of the executive committee and chairman of the publicity committee of the Missouri Retail Hardware Dealers' Association. He is now serving his third term as secretary of the St. Joseph Rotary Club, and has had a prominent part in organizing the new Athletic Club. He was the first secretary of the Loyal Order of Moose, from July 23, 1910, to April 23, 1912, and is a member of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Leaper is a Mason and a Shriner. His affiliation is with Zeredatha Lodge, Mitchell Chapter, St. Joseph Council No. 9, Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, and St. Joseph Chapter Rose Croix No. 4.

For over four years Mr. Leaper has not failed to spend Sunday with his parents, who live at Osborn, Mo. Mr. Leaper is a bachelor.





MR. JAMES WESLEY LEHR

THE pioneer contractor and builder in St. Joseph is J. W. Lehr. He was born at Bremen, Ind., December 21, 1855, son of Samuel and Malinda (Geisselman) Lehr. His father, a native of Ohio, settled on a farm in that state in 1835, when the country was heavily timbered; his mother was born in Indiana. Mr. Lehr was raised on a farm and received his education in Marshall County, Indiana. At the age of 18 he took up the trade of carpentering. Two years later he went to Kansas, and again engaged in farming, which he followed until he was 24. In 1880 he located at Bethany, Mo., where he built houses and manufactured furniture. At the end of four years he retired from the building trade, devoting himself exclusively to the furniture business. Suffering a complete fire loss two years later he came to St. Joseph (1886), and entered the employ of Mr. John DeClue, who was then a prominent builder and contractor. After a service of three years with Mr. DeClue, Mr. Lehr took up contracting on his own account, and for twenty-six years has done business under his own name. In 1916 the Lehr Construction Company was incorporated, and he became the president and general manager, which position he now occupies.

J. W. Lehr has been closely identified with the development of St. Joseph for more than a quarter of a century. Aside from his interest in the building industry he has devoted much time to the affairs of the city at large, manifesting a deep concern in whatever seemed to be good for the community as a whole. He served as a member of the utility board under Mayor Pfeiffer's administration and rendered valuable service.

It would be difficult to enumerate the large number of buildings put up by him, but his work is in evidence all over the city. Some of the more recent structures are the Bliss School, Y. M. C. A., Christian Science Church, Logan Building, Bartlett Building, Larabee Mills, St. Joseph Warehouse and Cold Storage Building, St. Joseph Public Elevator, Missouri Valley Sack Company Building, Buchanan County Infirmary, Battreall Shoe Company Building, Noyes-Norman Shoe Company Building, Methodist Hospital, Jewish Syna-



gogue, Masonic Temple, Ritchey Apartments, and residences of Huston Wyeth, D. L. Bartlett, W. G. Fairleigh and H. A. Smith.

Mr. Lehr is a member of the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club and the Building Industries Club, having helped organize the last named club, and has held the office of president. Politically he is an independent Democrat.

On March 4, 1880, Mr. Lehr was married to Miss Helen Louise Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharp, of McPherson Center, Kans. Two children, a son and a daughter, were born of this marriage. Arthur LeRoy Lehr, secretary and treasurer of the Lehr Construction Company, married Hannah Aage, and they have two chil-

dren. Helen Ada Lehr, married to Frederick Niemann of St. Joseph. Mrs. J. W. Lehr died December 28, 1911. On March 8, 1916, J. W. Lehr was married to Miss Martha Schmechel of St. Joseph. The Schmechel family are old residents of the city, at one time being engaged in the retail dry goods business on Felix street.

Mr. Lehr's great-grandfather came to this country in 1774 from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and settled in Northampton, Penn. He was a school teacher. The name was originally spelled Loehr, but two of the four sons adopted the simpler form. Mr. Lehr's grandfather moved to Ohio, and his ancestry on his mother's side were early settlers in Ohio and Indiana.

The Lehr home is No. 806 North Twenty-fifth street.





MR. FRANCIS MARION LEMMON

WHEN the Robidoux Printing Company was organized in 1913, Mr. Lemmon became its president, and now occupies that position. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 4, 1858, son of Alexander Hays and Caroline (Reynolds) Lemmon. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother was born in Ohio.

"Frank" Lemmon was educated in the grammar schools and high school of his native city. His first effort in the business world was when he engaged as clerk in the office of Proctor & Gamble, the big soap manufacturers. Subsequently he went to the First National Bank of Cincinnati, and then moved to Atchison, Kan., where he became associated with the wholesale drug house of McPike & Fox as an accountant. From Atchison he came to St. Joseph to 1882 to connect with the Turner & Frazer wholesale grocery house in a like capacity. Later he became identified with the St. Joseph Folding Bed Company, from which he retired to become special deputy surveyor of customs when W. L. Buechle was the surveyor. In 1913 he took part in organizing the business in which he is now engaged, and it is growing in a very satisfactory manner.

Mr. Lemmon has always taken an active interest in the political affairs of the city. He is a Harding Republican, and is now secretary of the Buchanan County Republican Committee, and treasurer of the Republican City Central Committee. At one time he represented the Third ward in the city council and was president of that body. He was appointed city treasurer to fill an unexpired term in 1914. His expert knowledge of accounting prompted his appointment by the mayor to the office of city comptroller, which position he filled for four years.

Mr. Lemmon is a member of the Commerce Club, Automobile Club, Elks Club, United Commercial Travelers, and the Sons of the Revolution. He is an earnest supporter of base ball, is a member of the St. Joseph Whist Club, being an expert player, and is fond of fishing, having a number of years enjoyed the sport on the northern lakes.







MR. ERNEST M. LINDSAY

AS PRESIDENT of the St. Joseph Ad Club, then the largest ad club in the United States, Mr. Lindsay was one of the prime movers in merging the three most important commercial organizations of the city into the present Commerce Club. The Ad Club was numerically the strongest body in the city, so that its influence was a big factor in shaping the affairs of the community. Mr. Lindsay was made first vice-president of the new Commerce Club, and has been an active member of it ever since.

Mr. Lindsay was born in St. Joseph, April 11, 1876. His father, Ernest Lindsay, Sr., was especially prominent in the financial and business life of the city. He was president of the State National Bank, and with John Donovan was largely instrumental in establishing the present stock yards and packing plants in St. Joseph. At the time of his death, in 1902, he was the oldest banker in Missouri. Mr. Lindsay's mother was Miss Hettie McDonald, daughter of Dr. Silas McDonald, the first physician to settle in what is now known as Buchanan County. Dr. McDonald pre-empted a claim here in 1838. Mrs. Lindsay, still in good health and spirits, makes her home with her son here in St. Joseph.

Ernest M. Lindsay was first connected with the State National Bank and later the Stock Yards Bank. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of starch, and is now in the real estate and investment business, to which he has devoted his time and attention for a number of years.

In the administration of the city's affairs Mr. Lindsay holds the office of president of the council. He was elected councilman in 1916 and re-elected in 1920. The councilmen of St. Joseph are elected at-large, and not by wards, as was the custom for years. While Mr. Lindsay has been active in his political efforts, having twice been chairman of the Republican City Central Committee, yet he has not been unmindful of his duty in other directions.



For three years he was president of the Fall Festival Association, rendering valuable service to and fostering this organization before it became so permanently established. Governor Hadley honored him by appointment to the Board of Managers of the State Hospital in St. Joseph for a term of four years, and he was re-appointed by Governor Majors, who succeeded Mr. Hadley. As a member of the Welfare Board of St. Joseph for three years Mr. Lindsay had a prominent part in the foundation work of this much-needed and beneficent organization. Mr. Lindsay's religious association is with the First Presbyterian Church, of

which he is a member and a deacon. He holds membership in a number of clubs, including the Commerce Club, City Club, Elks Club, Moose Club, Green Hills Golf Club, St. Joseph Automobile Club, and is a member of the "Clan Lindsay," with headquarters in Scotland.

On April 19, 1899, Mr. Lindsay was married to Miss Stella Pentz, who is a native of St. Joseph. Two sons, Edward Donald and Ernest Harper, have been born of this union. Both are now students of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The Lindsay home is No. 633 North Eighth street.





MR. BEN W. LISENBY

IT IS promising for the future of St. Joseph that the younger men are manifesting so great an interest in affairs. One of the big industries now being managed by a man under thirty is the St. Joseph Paper Box Company. As secretary and general manager Mr. Lisenby has rejuvenated an almost run-down business into a modern manufacturing concern, sending its wares into practically every state.

Mr. Lisenby was born at Brookfield, Mo., December 22, 1890, son of John E. and Sarah J. Lisenby. His father is a retired farmer.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Lisenby graduated from the Brookfield High School. On account of poor health he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper with a wholesale electrical company. He was advanced to auditor, the checking up of sixteen branch houses in Utah, Idaho and Montana, devolving upon him. Becoming interested in the selling of merchandise, he gradually took up this work, continuing with the electrical company. In 1913 he came to St. Joseph and became sales manager for the St. Joseph Paper Box Company, and in 1915 he was elected secretary and general manager, the position he now occupies.

He is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner; also an Elk. Has membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Rotary Club and Athletic Club. Plays golf and enjoys it. Is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and politically is a Republican.

On September 8, 1909, he was married in Brookfield, Mo., to Mary Eleanor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Pettijohn. Dr. Pettijohn is favorably known throughout the state. He was mayor of Brookfield, a member of the Missouri State Legislature and superintendent of State Hospital No. 2 for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Linsenby have three children, Mary Jane, Martha and John Claudius (Jack).

Their home is No. 3005 Sylvania street.





COLONEL JAMES H. MCCORD

ST. JOSEPH and the State of Missouri are justly proud of Colonel J. H. McCord. He has proved himself a loyal, patriotic and useful citizen, endearing himself a little more fully to the community by the excellent service he rendered to the state and nation throughout the world-war period.

For two years he absented himself from his home and from his large business affairs in order that he might respond to the call of his country in its hour of trouble. It does not matter that Colonel McCord has a liking for military affairs. He is one of the most prominent of Missouri's National Guardsmen, devoting many years to its organization and equipment, and rendering personal service on the Mexican border in 1916.

Many men enjoy certain lines of work they are forced to deny themselves because of the sacrifice it entails. Colonel McCord, however, did not count the cost. His nation was in trouble and his services were desired; that was all he needed to know. Turning his business affairs over to others, closing down his desk, he bade good-bye to the comforts of home and the association of friends and family, and left for the seat of government. He was appointed adjutant-general of the state in 1917 by Governor Gardner. But for the honors or emoluments of office he did not care. When the government needed the right kind of a man to administer the selective service law in Missouri he promptly resigned his office and was made lieutenant-colonel inspector generals department U. S. army, and at once took up the work the federal government needed to have done. And it goes without saying that he did the work right. When the parts of a machine run so smoothly that you cannot hear them it is certain evidence that the machine is working properly. That was the situation with regard to the administration of the selective service act in this state. The colonel did his work so perfectly, so quietly, so modestly that few realized that it was being done at all, and yet no state in the Union enjoyed so splendid an administration of its provisions as did Missouri.

In further recognition and appreciation of Colonel McCord's service and sacrifice, high tribute for his work was paid him by the adoption of a resolution in both houses of the state legislature. This resolution congratulated Colonel McCord upon the completion of his stupendous undertaking, and set forth that he had faithfully, tirelessly and





conscientiously performed the arduous duties as executive officer for the federal government in charge of the selective draft law within the State of Missouri without compensation other than the satisfaction of having diligently labored to honestly and fearlessly administer both the letter and the spirit of the law which called to the service and defense of the nation and world so many of our brave, true, noble sons, the very flower of the land. The resolution further recounts that the distinguished service, the cheerful personality and many attainments of Colonel James H. McCord have richly and justly earned for him not only a place of distinction in the minds and hearts of the boys who have come under his direction, but the commendation of the whole people of our great commonwealth. His extended experience in business and as a military man, covering forty years, and his technical and broad knowledge of the selective service act, pre-eminently qualified and caused him to be selected to commence and successfully conclude this highly important and complicated work, to which he has so unselfishly and so willingly dedicated the best efforts of his wiry body and fertile brain.

The public quite naturally has a deep interest in the life of such a man.

Colonel James Hamilton McCord is a native of Missouri. He was born at Savannah, November 2, 1857. His father, James McCord, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, January 7, 1826. His ancestry were the McCords of the original settlers of Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1734. James McCord was a '49er, crossing the plains to California when the West was a great wilderness. He died in St. Joseph, September 24, 1903.

Colonel McCord's mother, Mary E. (Halleck) McCord, is a native of Jessamine County, Kentucky, the date of her birth being February 28, 1836. Her people went to Rockbridge County, Virginia, from Pennsylvania in 1749 and thence to Kentucky. Mrs. McCord is still living, and is unusually active for one of her years.

James Hamilton McCord attended the public schools of St. Joseph and later entered the Virginia Military Institute, from which he graduated with high honors in 1879, the degree of Bachelor of Science being conferred. While a student in Virginia he was awarded the first Jackson-Hope medal.

Returning to St. Joseph he entered the wholesale grocery house of Nave & McCord, an establishment founded

by his father in 1841. He has devoted the best years of his life to the building of this business. Constant application and sterling principles of truth account for his wonderful success.

As president of the firm, which is now the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, Colonel McCord directs the largest and oldest mercantile institution in the West, having as it does associate houses in Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Colo.; Fort Worth, Texas; Hutchinson, Topeka and Emporia, Kansas.

Colonel McCord is also president of the Burnes National Bank, one of St. Joseph's strongest financial institutions.

Aside from the demand made on him by his business affairs Colonel McCord has always manifested an interest in the general welfare of his home city. He served as a member of the board of the Free Public Library for eighteen years, having resigned only recently. He was police commissioner of St. Joseph for a number of years.

Politically his views and efforts are Democratic, and he is recognized as one of the strongest men of the party in Missouri, his counsel being sought when important matters are up for consideration.

Fraternally Colonel McCord belongs to all the Masonic bodies and is an Elk, being a charter member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 40. He is past commander of Hugh de Pavens Commandery and honorary past potentate of Moila Temple. He holds membership in the Benton Club, the St. Joseph Country and Highlands Golf clubs, and the University Club of St. Louis.

On April 25, 1893, Colonel McCord was married to Miss Adele Calhoun Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil W. Parker. Mrs. McCord's grandfather, General Calhoun, was surgeon-general of Kansas and Nebraska Territory, and a fellow townsman and friend of Abraham Lincoln.

The only child of Colonel and Mrs. McCord, James Hamilton McCord, Jr., honored his parents and the name McCord by service in France. He was captain of Company M, 139th Infantry, A. E. F. In the famous Argonne-Meuse offensive he was severely wounded September 29, 1918.

Colonel McCord's home, 1823 Clay street, closely adjoins the old homestead, now occupied by his mother.





MR. RUFUS LEE McDONALD

**R**UFUS LEE McDONALD was born May 19, 1832, in Washington County, Ky., the son of Daniel and Martha (McMurtrie) McDonald. His ancestor, Bryan McDonald, immigrated to America from Scotland in 1693 and settled in Delaware, but two or three generations later the family moved to Virginia and obtained estates there which are in part still held by descendants. In the early days of the republic two sons of the family, Richard and Alexander, who seem to have been men of force, moved again to the frontier in Kentucky. Of these Alexander, who married a niece of President Zachary Taylor, became the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

After a rather limited common school education Rufus, at the age of nineteen, came west to seek his fortune and was attracted to St. Joseph by the fact that an uncle, Dr. Silas McDonald, was already located in this vicinity. Upon his arrival in St. Joseph in July, 1851, the uncle secured employment for him at a salary of \$12.00 a month and board, with the firm of Donnell & Saxton, Robert W. Donnell of that firm being a brother-in-law to Dr. McDonald.

From the first, although among his fellow employes were young men of more than ordinary capacity and native worth, Rufus obtained the confidence and good will of his employers. He was given a partnership in 1854, and when the firm determined in '56 to start another store on the cash system they placed it under the name and control of R. L. McDonald. Finally in 1858 this concern absorbed all the mercantile interests of Donnell & Saxton.

From 1856, then, to date, the business has continued without interruption—first as R. L. McDonald, then for more than forty years as R. L. McDonald & Co., and finally in the incorporated style of R. L. McDonald Manufacturing Company. Few business institutions west of the Mississippi have enjoyed a continuous business career of sixty-five years under substantially the same name, and probably not one anywhere in the country can claim so long an existence under the leadership of a single individual, for Mr. McDonald not only began his independent business life at an early age, twenty-four years, but still, though in his eighty-ninth year, is in daily attendance at his office, alert and interested in all the activities of his company.

During this long period Mr. McDonald has never been absent on pleasure or business for more than a month at any one time, except in the spring of 1864, when, with char-



acteristic energy and enterprise and in the face of great risk, he took an overland wagon train, laden with merchandise, together with some one hundred mules, through to California—a venture which proved highly successful. Returning via Panama, he reached home the same fall to find that his business had continued to prosper in his absence.

The mercantile business in St. Joseph in ante-bellum days was sustained not simply by the local retail demand, but largely by outfitting expeditions across the plains and supplying outlying districts in wholesale volume. All the great jobbing institutions that have given St. Joseph the importance she enjoys for business character and stability had their wholesale and retail beginning in this trade, and so their development into exclusively wholesale establishments as the population of the tributary country grew was natural and easy. R. L. McDonald & Co. limited their operations to wholesale dry goods in 1866, and so continued until 1897, when the manufacture of shirts and men's work clothing which had during some sixteen years grown into the department of greatest importance in their business, offered an inviting field for all their energy and capital. All other lines were then disposed of and the activities of the company incorporated in 1907 as R. L. McDonald Manufacturing Company now embraces the ownership and operation of a number of factories in neighboring towns, besides those in St. Joseph, whose products are very generally distributed throughout the whole of the territory west of Ohio.

But Mr. McDonald was never wholly a merchant or manufacturer. Born and raised on a farm his heart has ever been there, and throughout practically his whole business life has owned and directed extensive farm properties and has attained an enviable reputation as a breeder of fine live stock, especially shorthorn cattle and trotting horses, and the opportunity for indulging this taste is doubtless responsible for his unusual physical vigor and mental elasticity.

It was but natural that Mr. McDonald, whose life history corresponds so exactly with that of the city in which he lived, in time, in growth and in character of development, should have participated, especially during his active years, in all the works of its civic life. He has been a general contributor to every public undertaking of any importance that had a worthy purpose, from early railroad projects clear down to date, and in practically all of them he or some

member of his family has sat as a director. He has never held any office of a political nature, and though he has been a member of many clubs he has never been in any degree a "club man." For more than fifty years he has been a member and officer in the First Presbyterian Church.

On May 16, 1855, Mr. McDonald was married to Mary Ann Wilson, only daughter of General Robert Wilson, who was a man of influence in the early history of the state, and who, besides holding many other positions of trust, presided over the Missouri convention of 1860, which was responsible for keeping the state in the Union and afterwards represented Missouri in the United States Senate. Of this union were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The remaining six, consisting of four daughters, Mrs. H. L. George, Mrs. John A. Dolman, Mrs. Marvin M. Davis and Marie McDonald, and two sons, John I. and Robert W., have all continued to live in St. Joseph and, with their families, have formed an unusually cohesive family group extending into the fourth generation. Mrs. McDonald lived and enjoyed the celebration of her sixty-fourth wedding anniversary and passed away in February, 1920.

It has been Mr. McDonald's privilege to pass his life at a most interesting period of national development. St. Joseph, when he came, was a village, but it never was a mere country town. It possessed all the ferment and bustle of the frontier and its population, if small, was genuinely cosmopolitan. Here were going forward plans and preparations for the winning of the marvelous territory beyond the Missouri and in the great Northwest, and from her population went men who were to assume places of highest leadership in this great work. The mountain steamboat, the terminable wagon trains drawn sometimes by oxen, sometimes by horses or mules, the Indian in his primitive garb and type, the fur trader, and other denizens of the frontier, were all factors in the romantic and picturesque local life of the times—"all of which he saw and part of which he was." To have lived out such an era and then through the transition stages, beginning with the advent in this territory of the railroad and the telegraph, on into the period when the status of civilization and culture has been brought to a level with the highest and to have done this with the capacity for adaptation and appreciation unimpaired, constitutes an experience that has come to few men yet living and will, from the very nature of the case, not be duplicated in America hereafter. Through all these changing vicissitudes, through wars, strikes, pestilence and innumerable panics, the throes which accompanied the birth of a new country, Mr. McDonald has "carried on" finding something of service to perform and much to be thankful for.





MR. RICE McDONALD

ENCOURAGEMENT has been offered to numerous commercial enterprises in St. Joseph by Mr. McDonald. He is a native of DeKalb County, Mo., son of T. J. and Pamela (Black) McDonald.

Upon the completion of his education in the schools of St. Joseph he entered the employ of R. L. McDonald & Co., remaining with this firm until 1880, when he went west to engage in the cattle business. Returning to St. Joseph eight years later he again became identified with his former employers in the capacity of assistant credit man and traveling adjuster. Subsequently he bought the Citizens Telephone Company of St. Joseph, and was engaged for a number of years in extending its service. He organized the Interstate Telephone Company as a means of providing communication with the nearby towns, and soon had a toll system in all directions covering a radius of one hundred miles from this city.

Disposing of his interests in the telephone company, Mr. McDonald next directed his attention to the manufacturing business, organizing the Federal Waterproofing Company, of which he was president. This venture was so successful that the Goodyear Rubber and Tire Company found it to their advantage to possess the plant, and a transfer of the property was made to them.

For a time Mr. McDonald entered the advertising and publishing business, issuing a monthly farm magazine.

In 1912 he became actively identified with the Empire Trust Company of St. Joseph, being elected treasurer. He continued in the banking business for a number of years, when he retired to devote his time more fully to the operating of his coal mines in southern Missouri, and give attention to other interests.

Mr. McDonald is now serving his second term as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners of St. Joseph. He is a Democrat in politics. In the position of police commissioner he has reflected credit on the governor and proved himself a very capable official.

Mr. McDonald was married in St. Joseph, June 29, 1899, to Miss Elizabeth R. Comstock, daughter of C. G. Comstock. One son, Claude C., who is a student at Andover, Mass., is the only child.







MR. GEORGE E. MCININCH

**T**O SACRIFICE one's own affairs for the prosecution of a public cause to the extent that your acquaintances are in doubt whether your "regular" business is that of building good roads or conducting a stationery and printing business, is precisely the situation in the case of Mr. George E. McIninch, vice-president of the Combe Printing Company.

Like all pioneer work it is for those who come after to enjoy the fruit of our labor. And surely, in this respect, Mr. McIninch is making his contribution to the future generations by the energy and time he is putting into the hard-surfaced road movement. As a slight recognition of his untiring efforts the governor of Missouri has twice conferred upon him the honor of vice-chairman of the Missouri State Highway Department.

Mr. McIninch was born in St. Joseph, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McIninch, pioneer settlers here. He entered business thirty-four years ago as a clerk in his father's store, since which time he has developed into one of the most active and prominent business men in this state.

He was married in 1888 to Miss Angie R. Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kirk, who, also, were early settlers here. To this union a daughter, Mabel, was born, who is now the wife of Mr. Corbin Richmond, Jr.

As a life-long member of the Hundley Methodist Church, Mr. McIninch has been active in religious work. He is a trustee of the Y. M. C. A. and has always been a supporter of this institution.

He is a member of the Elks Lodge, which fact, in itself, indicates the broader appreciation of good fellowship and love of his fellow men.

The McIninch home is in the Alexandria Apartments.





MR. CLAUDE MADISON

**A**DOPTING the methods employed during the world war, the Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of St. Joseph "drafted" Mr. Madison into their service. In 1909 he was elected secretary of the bodies, giving of his time as his own business would permit. His interest in the work and devotion to the order resulted in a greatly increased membership until, in 1919, it became necessary to have some one devote his entire time to the position. Mr. Madison was the logical man. He disposed of his business, and has since been devoting his time exclusively to the upbuilding of the work in the Valley of St. Joseph.

Mr. Madison came to St. Joseph in 1897 from Colorado Springs, Colo. He first engaged in the life insurance business, then entered the retail coal business.

He was born February 13, 1871, at Hockingport, Ohio, son of Jordan and Hester Madison. The parents moved to New Richmond, Ohio, when Claude was four years old, and it was here that he was raised, educated and married, his wife being Elizabeth, daughter of L. J. Gray.

While being especially active in Masonic circles, Mr. Madison has not been unmindful of his further duties as a citizen. He is past president of the Rotary Club, was a four-minute man during the war, was largely responsible for erecting the building and keeping the St. Joseph Veterinary College here, besides aiding other enterprises. He does not believe in letting the right hand know what the left doeth, but there are widows and helpless children in St. Joseph who will attest that they were kept warm against the blasts of winter by Mr. Madison learning in some unexplainable way that they were penniless and needed fuel.

In 1912 Mr. Madison was master of St. Joseph Lodge No. 78, and in 1917 potentate of Moila Temple. He received the 33rd degree, the highest honor to be conferred in Masonry, in Washington, D. C., October 20, 1913. Politically Mr. Madison is a Republican in national affairs, but locally is for the best man.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Madison—Iona, married to A. H. Holkenbrink of St. Joseph; Clyde A., who succeeded his father in the coal business, married to Miss Leta Corbett; Aldine and Thelma Madison. The Madison home is 211 South Sixteenth street.





MR. MOE E. MAYER

THE wide-awake and enterprising spirit of St. Joseph's retail merchants is characterized in Mr. Mayer. He was born in Chicago, Ill., February 24, 1878, son of David and Amelia (Rothschild) Mayer. His mother is a sister of A. M. Rothschild, founder and owner of the Rothschild Department Store of Chicago. It was in this store that Mr. Mayer first embarked in the mercantile business, after having finished his school at Elgin, Ill. From Chicago he went to Kansas City, engaging with the firm of Auerbach & Guettel, retail clothing and men's furnishings.

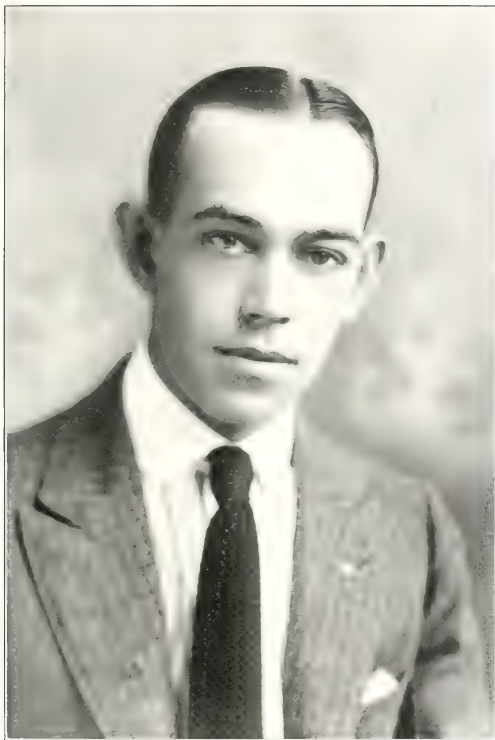
On August 31, 1901, Mr. Mayer entered the retail clothing and furnishing business in St. Joseph, under the firm name of the Plymouth Clothing Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and general manager. From time to time, in order to meet the needs of his expanding business, he has been obliged to annex adjoining store rooms that he might better provide for his constantly growing trade. The splendid success achieved by Mr. Mayer is due in a large measure to his individual push. This trait has made him valuable to the retail and other interests of the city, and he has been prominently associated with all the organizations having for their object the betterment of St. Joseph. At present he is vice-president of the retail division of the Commerce Club, a position he has held for five years; vice-president of the Stores Association, which is composed of the retail merchants, and for three years has held the office of director in the Fall Festival Association.

Fraternally Mr. Mayer is a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner. He holds membership in the Highlands Golf, Green Hills Golf Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club, Commerce Club, and the Stores Association. He is a member of the Temple Adath Joseph and vice-president of the board of that church, a position he has filled for ten years.

On March 5, 1906, Mr. Mayer was married in Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Helen Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Loewen, of that city. Six children bless this union. They are Jerome, Gertrude, Myron, Amelia, Julia and Amy.

The Mayer home is No. 2534 Francis street.





MR. WALTER MEIERHOFFER

AS SUCCESSOR to his father in the Meierhoffer Undertaking Company, Walter Meierhoffer joins the ranks of St. Joseph's younger business men. He was born in this city, June 18, 1893, son of Reinhold and Emma C. (Smith) Meierhoffer. His father, a native of Boonville, Mo., came to St. Joseph in 1875, and engaged in the undertaking business in 1894, which he continued in a successful manner until a few years ago, when he retired and moved to Miami, Fla. Mrs. Meierhoffer, now deceased, was born at Charlottesville, Va.

Walter Meierhoffer was educated in St. Joseph, graduating from the Jackson school in 1908, and the Christian Brothers College in 1911. He then entered the Bank of Buchanan County as a clerk, but resigned in May, 1913, to become associated with his father in the undertaking business. Two years later he was made manager of the company, in which capacity he served until July, 1917, when he purchased the business on his own account, and continues to conduct it in a modern and successful way.

Mr. Meierhoffer is a director in the Bank of Buchanan County, where he first worked as a clerk. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Kiwanis Club, St. Joseph Country Club and Highlands Golf and Country Club.

Fraternally he is a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a Shriner. He is also an Elk and an Odd Fellow. In 1916 he was national vice-president of the Phi Sigma Chi Fraternity. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Meierhoffer was married in St. Joseph, June 21, 1916, to Miss Mary Louise Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Elliott of this city.

The Meierhoffer home is in the Alexandria Apartments, No. 720 Faraon street.







MR. BRADFORD W. MELICK

**B** EING an only child did not deter Mr. Melick in his ambition to succeed on his own account. Like most successful men he began at the bottom and surmounted every obstacle he encountered. Born at Green Valley, Ill., November 18, 1872, he was taken by his parents to Kansas when six years of age. In 1890 the family removed to Atchison, Kan., and it was in this city that Mr. Melick began his mercantile career, entering the employ of the Syms Grocery Company, wholesale grocers, as office boy. His desire to know the business and willingness to work met with the usual recognition, and he was rapidly promoted. He soon became a traveling salesman in Kansas for his house, and continued in this capacity until 1897, when he retired to become a member of the firm of Quigley-Melick Mercantile Company, wholesale cigars, etc., of Atchison.

In 1900 he associated himself with the Letts-Spencer Grocery Company of St. Joseph as traveling salesman in Kansas. Ten years later he was called into the house and made assistant manager. In 1914 Mr. Melick became the treasurer and manager of the Letts-Parker Grocery Company, successors to the Letts-Spencer Grocery Company, which position he now occupies. He is also manager and treasurer of the firm's branch house at El Dorado, Kan., and a director of the Western Grocer Company, operating thirteen wholesale grocery houses in various parts of the country.

Mr. Melick is of a decidedly progressive type, and is interested in St. Joseph and its commercial life. He is vice-president of the Duro Trunk and Bag Company, a recently organized enterprise of this city, and is a director of the Commerce Club. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Athletic Club, Elks Club, Automobile Club and Commerce Club.

He was married at Atchison, Kan., in 1899, to Miss Edith G. Shulze. One daughter, Ruth, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Melick.

The Melick home is No. 1401 North Twenty-fifth street.





MR. HUGO F. MILLER

**A** RESOLUTENESS, undaunted by difficulties, carried Hugo F. Miller from an apprenticeship to the presidency of the Combe Printing Company—one of the largest printing, stationery, and lithographing houses in the West.

Entering an apprenticeship with the old St. Joseph Steam Printing Company, as a lithographer in 1880, he became a journeyman, and in the manner of journeymen of those days he traveled about the country from 1888. His liking for St. Joseph brought him back here in the spring of 1892, and he then became identified with the firm he was later destined to head. He organized and established the Lithographing Department—doing most of the work himself, besides introducing the advantages of the lithographing process for commercial stationery to the trade.

Having acquired a financial interest in the firm in 1900, he became the general manager and was elected vice-president, and in 1920 was elected president, succeeding the late Frank A. Moore.

Mr. Miller has encouraged other St. Joseph enterprises by subscribing to their capital stock, and has done much to increase the commercial and industrial activity of the city. His firm, as a corporation and through its individual members, has supported every move for the good of St. Joseph.

Mr. Miller came to this country when a boy of eight from Oldenburg, Germany, where he was born October 24, 1868. His father, Antone Mueller, died when the son was three years old. His mother, Antoinette, brought her family to this country in 1876, settling at Hanover, Kan. It was here that Mr. Miller was raised and that he supplemented three years of schooling received in Germany.

He was married May 17, 1900, to Miss Bertha T. Eger of St. Joseph. One daughter, Virginia, has been born of this marriage. The Miller home is at 2424 Faraon street.

Mr. Miller has been prominent and active in Masonic work in St. Joseph, having received all the degrees in both the Scottish and York Rite branches of the order, and he is a Shriner. He enjoys the distinction of being an honorary past potentate of Moila Temple.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a representative and a strong supporter of the Republican party, but he has never sought or held office. He holds membership in a number of social organizations, including the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf Club, and Green Hills Golf Club.





MR. ORESTES MITCHELL

COMING to St. Joseph at the age of thirteen, Mr. Mitchell attended the public schools. Later he entered the Missouri University, graduating from the law department in 1900 with the degree of LL. B. Being admitted to practice immediately after, he then became associated with the law department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at St. Joseph. On March 1, 1907, he severed his connection with the railroad company and engaged in the general practice of law. By close application he has built up a large practice, which might be expressed by saying, "business men's business," for he handles no criminal cases. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, and is president of the St. Joseph Bar Association for the year 1920.

Mr. Mitchell was born December 26, 1876, near Buena Vista, Ind., son of Levi and Sarah E. (Oliphant) Mitchell. His parents removed to St. Joseph in the summer of 1888. He was the first born of five children.

Mr. Mitchell is active in educational and patriotic matters. During the world war he was a government appeal agent and a member of the Americanization committee of the Missouri State Council of Defense. He was also a four-minute man. (By way of record it should be stated that four-minute men were those who addressed public gatherings—largely the moving picture houses—in an appeal to buy government bonds and aid the Red Cross. The time allotted these speakers was four minutes).

As a member of the St. Joseph Board of Education for eight years Mr. Mitchell has placed himself on record as the leader in an effort to eliminate politics from school affairs and to raise the standards of the whole system so that teachers and other employees might be placed on an efficiency basis. He was elected a member of the board April 2, 1912, and served until April 9, 1920, two years of which time he was the president (April 20, 1916, to April 8, 1918).

Fraternally Mr. Mitchell is a Mason and an Elk. He



is both active and prominent in the Masonic bodies and has the distinction of being a 33rd degree Mason. His affiliation includes the following lodges: Charity Lodge 331, A. F. and A. M. Served as worshipful master during the year 1910; Mitchell Chapter No. 14, R. A. M.; Radiant Chapter No. 88, O. E. S., of which he was worthy patron during the year 1910; St. Joseph Council No. 9, R. & S. M.; Hugh de Payens Commandery, Knights Templar, at St. Joseph, Mo.; member Moila Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which temple he was potentate during the year 1918; member St. Joseph Lodge of Perfection No. 6, A. A. S. R., St. Joseph Chapter Rose Croix; Albert Pike Council of Kadosh; St. Joseph Consistory No. 4. Served as venerable master St. Joseph Lodge of Perfection No. 6 during the years 1910 and 1911; was made a knight commander in the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., October 19, 1911; received thirty-third degree at Washing-

ton, D. C., October 24, 1913; on September 18, 1919, he was appointed grand junior deacon of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri.

Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat and is regarded as an earnest supporter of the party. He is a member of the Huffman Memorial M. E. Church.

As president of the St. Joseph Rotary Club he directs the activities of one of the largest civic organizations in the city. He is also a member of the St. Joseph Country Club.

Mr. Mitchell was married on April 15, 1902, to Inez A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Samuel of St. Joseph. Four children have been born to them, Samuel Orestes, Martha Elizabeth, Francis Marion and Maryle Florence Mitchell.

The Mitchell home is No. 2714 Seneca street.







REV. CHARLES HELY MOLONY

THE Rev. Charles Hely Molony, rector of Christ Episcopal Church since June, 1914, was born in Dublin, Ireland, the son of John T. and Mary A. Molony. He was educated at the Grove House, Tuam County, Galway, and Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. He has served parishes in the dioceses of West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and west Missouri.

Mrs. Molony was the daughter of John Slack, Sr., and Sarah Porter Slack of Charleston, Kanawha County, W. Va. Their children are Lieut. George H. Molony, 25th U. S. Infantry; Charles H. Molony, with the Richardson Dry Goods Company, St. Joseph, and Sarah S. Molony, a junior in the University of Missouri at Columbia. There is one grand child, Kathleen, daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. George H. Molony. Mrs. Molony was Kathleen Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, of Honolulu, H. I.

For several years Mr. Molony served as chaplain of the 2nd Regiment, West Virginia National Guards, with the rank of captain, and early in his residence in St. Joseph he was commissioned chaplain of the Fourth Missouri Infantry, with rank of captain. He resigned the latter after serving several months with the regiment at Laredo, Texas, on the Mexican border.

Mr. Molony is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knights Templar, a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner. He is a member of the St. Joseph Country Club by courtesy of that organization.

Mr. Molony is a member of the standing committee of the Diocese of West Missouri, and of the Diocesan Board of Church Extension, and has twice represented the diocese in the general convention of the church.





MR. FRANK ALBERT MOORE

NO MAN in St. Joseph has given more fully of his time and money for the advancement and general welfare of the city than Mr. Moore. When it has been a matter of raising funds, or promoting any worthy undertaking, he has always been ready to lend a helping hand, even to the sacrifice of his own health and business. Under his leadership millions of dollars have been raised for civic enterprises, which include the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Auditorium, First Christian Church, the new Methodist Hospital, now under course of construction, and numerous lesser undertakings.

Mr. Moore was born August 11, 1858, in Geary, Doniphan County, Kans., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Moore. His mother died when he was two years old. He lived with his grandfather until eight years of age, when the family removed to St. Joseph. In his eagerness to prepare for a business career he attended night school, and when twelve years old entered the employ of the Chambers & Marney Dry Goods Company as check boy. He worked to the position of bookkeeper for the firm.

On June 9, 1881, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Vina Lura Smith of St. Joseph. A few years later he engaged in the dry goods business with the late Lon Tullar, under the firm name of Tullar & Moore. In 1889 he became associated with the Combe Printing Company. His business ability was quickly recognized, and soon he was made secretary and treasurer of the company. Ten years ago he was elected president of the company, the position he now occupies. The Combe Printing Company has developed into one of the largest printing and stationery houses in the west, and Mr. Moore's special hobby is fine printing. The many beautiful creations of the printing art bearing his firm's imprint stands in substantiation of his hobby.

Since the organization of the Auditorium Company nearly twenty years ago Mr. Moore has served continuously as the treasurer. He is a stockholder and director



of the St. Joseph Life Insurance Company, the Morris Plan Bank, and is president of the People's Home and Savings Association. He is a member of the Country Club, and was a charter member of the St. Joseph Lodge of Elks. He was president of the Commerce Club for two terms of one year each. During the world war period Mr. Moore devoted nearly all his time to either managing or assisting in Red Cross, liberty loan and other war drives. He is a member of the executive committee of the local Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Moore is a member of the First Christian Church

and an elder. He was chairman of the building committee for the new church, and a great credit is due him for his willingness and eagerness to serve in the planning, building and furnishing of this handsome church edifice. Both he and Mrs. Moore have been members of this church for a number of years.

The Moore home is No. 214 North Eighth street.

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Frank Albert Moore died at Rochester, Minn., Friday, September 3, 1920.





DR. JENKINS GOWER MORGAN

**A**MONG the early settlers in Ohio were David J. and Mary (Davis) Morgan, parents of Dr. J. G. Morgan, dentist. They came from Wales, and were the first to take an active part in the development of the coal and iron industry of Ohio. Fifteen children were born to them—seven sons and eight daughters. Dr. J. G. was the thirteenth. They all grew to manhood and womanhood, three sons becoming doctors of medicine, one a dentist, and two daughters married physicians.

Dr. Morgan was born near the town of Gallipolis, Ohio, December 6, 1874. He was reared on a farm and worked at farming until his graduation, attending the high school in Gallipolis, and later Rio Grande College at Rio Grande, Ohio, receiving his preliminary training, and entered the Ohio Medical University (now the Ohio State University), at Columbus, from which he graduated in 1897 as a doctor of dental surgery.

Coming to Missouri in 1902 he located at Savannah, where he lived for six years, taking an active part in the affairs of that thriving little city. He was a member of the city council when Savannah voted bonds and built its waterworks system. In 1909 he removed to St. Joseph, where he soon became recognized as one of the leaders in his profession. He has given clinics before the Kansas City Dental Society, Missouri State Dental Society, Kansas State Dental Society and St. Joseph Dental Society. He has especially been interesting himself in the physical diagnosis of mouth conditions as to their relation and effect on the general health.

Dr. Morgan is a prominent and active Republican. He is against the commercial politician and believes it the duty of all business men to have a greater concern in political matters. He served as a member of the Library Board for a term of two years.

He has affiliation with the Masonic bodies, and is a Shriner and an Elk. He took an active part in the organization of the Highlands Golf and Country Club, and is one of its directors. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Morgan was married at Savannah, Mo., October 31, 1901, to Miss Maude Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Abbott, of that city. A daughter, Catherine, is an only child.







MR. CHARLES DILLON MORRIS

CHARLES DILLON MORRIS was born at Buena Vista, Ohio, November 21, 1867. He was the son of Rev. William Morris, an itinerant Methodist minister, for more than fifty years a member of the Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal.

The subject of this sketch, with his twin brother, William Allen Morris, came to Missouri when fifteen years of age, locating in Nodaway County, at Quitman. There he attended the public schools and a private school, which, for many years, was conducted with great success. During these years Morris supported himself at odd jobs working during the morning and evening hours for his board while attending school.

At the age of 19 Mr. Morris was granted a certificate to teach school and taught for one year in the rural districts of Nodaway County. The following year he served as principal of the Quitman schools, which position he resigned to enter the newspaper business, his first paper being The Record, a small paper published at Quitman by W. W. Graves.

Mr. Morris was married December 25, 1889, to Miss Gladdice Cox, daughter of Rev. John H. Cox, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Missouri Conference. A few months thereafter he purchased the Trenton Tribune, and removed to Trenton, where he resided for thirteen years, serving during four years of that time as postmaster, to which position he was appointed by President McKinley, and was re-appointed by President Roosevelt. He resigned this position to move to St. Joseph.

Mr. Morris purchased stock in The Gazette Publishing Company in 1903, and continued purchasing more until he became the owner of all but a few shares of the stock issued. During his management of the property its business has increased year by year, until The Gazette is now looked upon as one of the substantial and permanent fixtures of the city.

For many years Mr. Morris was active in political affairs, serving at different times as a Republican in every



party position from ward committeeman up to the chairmanship of the state committee. Twice during his management of state campaigns Missouri was carried by the Republican party. During recent years he has held no party position and gives only such attention to political affairs as he considers it the duty of every citizen to render.

During his residence in St. Joseph Mr. Morris has been one of the most loyal and devoted boosters the city has had. He gives of his time, his energy and his money to promote every worthy enterprise. During the war he served overseas as an officer of the American Red Cross, entering the service as a second lieutenant and retiring a major.

There is, perhaps, no publisher in the state who devotes so much of his time to the actual work of editing a

newspaper as does Mr. Morris. He contributes to the editorial columns of The Gazette every day, giving the stamp of his personality to every issue of the paper. Speaking of Mr. Morris and his work Dean Williams of the Missouri School of Journalism, once said: "The St. Joseph Gazette is the sole remaining example of old-fashioned personal journalism in Missouri."

In addition to his work as an editor Mr. Morris contributes greatly to the life of the city by his public addresses. It is doubtful if any other citizen of St. Joseph is called upon so frequently to speak at public functions of all kinds and character.

Mr. Morris' family consists of his wife, two sons and one daughter, each of whom is married and resides in St. Joseph. The sons are both engaged with him in the publication of The Gazette.







He is also a member of the Commerce Club, Green Hills Golf Club, and his church affiliation is with the Huffman Methodist.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Elizabeth Charlton, daughter of John and Mary Jane Charlton. Mrs. Nelson is also a native of England, but came to St. Joseph when a child. To this union six chil-

dren have been born, as follows: Mrs. J. H. Greenhalgh, Winnetka, Ill.; Isabelle C., Elizabeth L., William R., Martina S., and Katherine Thompson Nelson.

It can be said to the credit of Mr. Nelson that he has willingly served every religious or civic undertaking in the interest of St. Joseph.

The Nelson home is No. 2804 Mitchell avenue.









years. He has served on the park board. Dewey Avenue boulevard and the extension of Blacksnake sewer are credited to his untiring energies.

Mr. Neudorff is non-partisan in his political views, preferring to vote for the best man. Nationally he favors the Republican party because of its tariff views. He attends the Trinity Methodist Church, but is not a member. For a number of years he sang in the prominent churches of the city. He was a member of the Sons of Veterans, and was colonel of the Missouri Division of the organization.

Mr. Neudorff has twice been married. His first wife was Clara Lisette, daughter of Rev. H. Fiegenbaum. Two

daughters, Julia and May, were born of this union. The present Mrs. Neudorff was Miss Mary Bauer, daughter of Frederick Bauer. Four children have been born of this marriage: Frederick F., Agnes Olive, Vinton Roberts and Marian Ada. Miss Agnes Neudorff, who has been prominent in local musical circles, is now studying for grand opera, and has promise of a brilliant future.

Being free of any special hobby, Mr. Neudorff finds enjoyment in books, music and friends. He is a lover of nature, and is disposed to take life philosophically. He has worked hard, lived a full life, and awaits the future with equanimity.

The Neudorff home is No. 1701 Dewey avenue.





MR. CHARLES HENRY NOLD

ONE of the large industries in St. Joseph is the lumber business. Prominent and representative among the dealers in this commodity is Mr. Charles H. Nold. He was born in St. Joseph, December 2, 1873, son of Charles and Sarah M. Nold. His father was one of the early building contractors of the city, having located here in 1866.

Mr. Nold secured his education in the local public schools and the St. Joseph Commercial College. He probably inherited a liking for the lumber business, since he has been engaged in no other occupation. His first employment was in the office of a lumber company, which was followed by a road position. He next became manager and then owner, being now the owner of the C. H. Nold Lumber Company, which has extensive yards at Fourth and Isabelle streets, and several branch yards in other cities.

Mr. Nold is actively identified with the building industry in St. Joseph, and is a member of the Commerce Club. Fraternally he is an Elk.

He was married in Louisiana to Marie Atala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hertzog. Mrs. Nold's parents are natives of Louisiana. They were early settlers and prominent in the affairs of that state. Charles Henry Nold, Jr., is an only child.

The Nold home is No. 3022 Ashland boulevard.





MR. THOMAS F. NORTON

WHEN it is considered that Mr. Norton's father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were engaged in the wholesale grain business it might be wondered how he escaped the same business pursuits of his ancestry, which had been carried on at Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Norton's father moved to Creston, Iowa, in 1880, where he continued handling grain and establishing stations in the surrounding territory. He was prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party in the state, and served Creston as mayor for five terms.

Thomas F. Norton was born December 29, 1878, at Burlington, Iowa, the son of Joseph and Katherine Norton. He attended the public schools in Creston, and was graduated from St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., in 1896. His first employment was in a grocery store in Creston, the compensation being \$3.00 per week. A position at \$5.00 a week in a retail shoe store prompted a change, which was really the deciding factor in his business career.

Leaving Creston in 1901 he engaged in business for himself at Lenox, Iowa. Four years later (1905), he came to St. Joseph, connecting with the McCord-Harlow Shoe Company in the capacity of traveling salesman. He continued in this service for seven years, when he was advanced to the position of sales manager, the firm name in the meantime having been changed to the McCord-Donovan Shoe Company. In July, 1912, Mr. Norton was made factory superintendent of the leather shoe plant. Filling this position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned he was, on January 1, 1914, appointed general manager for the company.

Effective January 15, 1915, there was a consolidation of the McCord-Harlow Shoe Company, McCord Rubber Company and the McCord-Donovan Shoe Company, under





the corporate name of the McCord-Norton Shoe Company. It was at this time that a fuller recognition of Mr. Norton's value to the institution was shown by electing him president of the combined interests.

Under Mr. Norton's guidance the business of the McCord-Norton Rubber Company developed to such an extent that it caught the attention of the United States Rubber Company of New York. Negotiations were opened which resulted in the Rubber Company acquiring the business in October, 1916. It took possession January 1, 1917, appointing Mr. Norton general manager of all its properties in St. Joseph, which position he now occupies.

While living in Lenox Mr. Norton held the office of city clerk for three years. Politically he is a Democrat. His church affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

On August 25, 1915, Mr. Norton was married to Miss Hazel Elizabeth Hurlbut at Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Norton is the daughter of Mr. E. E. Hurlbut, passenger conductor on the Burlington railroad. One child, Paul J. Norton, is the pride of the household.

Mr. Norton is a member of both the Country and Green Hills Golf Clubs, and the same amiable characteristics which have won him friends in the business world are manifested in his social life.





MR. JAMES B. O'BRIEN

AT THE AGE of twelve Mr. O'Brien left the parochial school at Abergavenny, England, to enter the employ of the India and China Tea Company of London as an apprentice. After a service of five years with this firm he quit, that he might come to the United States, landing at New York in 1891.

Mr. O'Brien was born at Newport, England, June 2, 1874, son of Daniel and Mary (Mahoney) O'Brien. Both parents were born in Ireland.

Arriving at St. Joseph in 1893, Mr. O'Brien found employment with the Rainalter Grocery Company, and continued in this work until 1896, when he made a change to the retail shoe business, entering the employ of the Geiwitz-Holland Shoe Company. A year later the firm was reorganized and the name changed to Holland & O'Brien Shoe Company, of which Mr. O'Brien was made vice-president and manager. Retiring from the firm in 1910 he organized the O'Brien-Kiley Shoe Company, becoming its president and manager. Continuing in this position for a number of years Mr. O'Brien then disposed of his interest, that he might take up road work, feeling that his health demanded a change. For five years he traveled in Missouri, Kansas and Texas, representing well-known shoe factories. Desiring to again engage in the retail trade Mr. O'Brien acquired an interest in the Burke Shoe Company, the name being changed to the Burke & O'Brien Shoe Company.

Quick to grasp any opportunities for the promotion of the retail and civic interest of St. Joseph, Mr. O'Brien has taken the lead in various movements. He was a director of the Retail Merchants' Association for many years; was the first president of the old St. Joseph Ad Club, when its membership reached over twelve hundred, gaining for the city the distinction of having the largest Ad Club in the



country. This organization was later merged with the Commerce Club.

Mr. O'Brien was appointed by Gov. Hadley a member of the Boards of Regents of the State Normal School at Maryville, a position he resigned when becoming a traveling salesman.

During the world war Mr. O'Brien served as a Knights of Columbus secretary overseas, being stationed first in France, then in Belgium and the army of occupation in Germany, and later in the British Isles.

Politically Mr. O'Brien is a democrat, and religiously a Catholic, being a member of St. Patrick's Parish. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, the United Commercial Travelers, Knights of Columbus, Commerce Club, Retail Merchants' Association, and president of the local branch Friends of Irish Freedom.

Having a great interest in music of all kinds Mr. O'Brien has managed a number of big minstrel and other shows produced by the Knights of Columbus and Elks lodges.





MR. PHILIP E. PARROTT

**I**N ST. JOSEPH Mr. Parrott is best known as the treasurer of the Battreall Shoe Company, but all over the country he is prominent as a director of the National Association of Credit Men, an honor twice conferred upon him in recognition of his worth to that wonderful organization of credit grantors.

Mr. Parrott is a native of England, where he was born in the town of Wyke, Surrey County, January 4, 1868. When he was seventeen years old his parents, Joseph and Emma Parrott, emigrated to the United States, settling in Wakefield, Clay County, Kansas. It was in that state that Mr. Parrott completed his education, first at the Baker University, at Baldwin, and next the Kansas State University, Lawrence.

Coming to St. Joseph in 1902 he entered the employ of the Battreall-Whittinghill Shoe Company as assistant credit man. Upon the retirement of Mr. Whittinghill, and the change in the firm name to its present style, Mr. Parrott was elected treasurer of the corporation.

Mr. Parrott has liberally supported religious and charitable work in St. Joseph. He is active in the affairs of his own church, the Methodist Episcopal, and is a director of the Y. M. C. A., and the Board of Charities and Philanthropies. He is a member of the local Association of Credit Men, having served as president, and is a director of the national body. Mr. Parrott has affiliation with the Masonic order, and in his political views is a Republican.

He was married in Kansas City, Mo., June 20, 1905, to Miss Ada Irons, daughter of George Irons. Mrs. Parrott, like her husband, is active in church and charitable work. She is a director of the Y. W. C. A. and treasurer of the association; also a director of the Union Benevolent Society. Two children, Ida and Edith Parrott, have been born to them.

The Parrott home is No. 2816 Sacramento street.







MR. JOHN WALTER PATT

WHATEVER the undertaking, having for its object the advancement of the city's interests, Mr. Patt has always been a ready and willing supporter. For twenty-seven years he has been actively engaged in the merchant tailoring business in St. Joseph, and during this period has taken the initial step in many enterprises of a public character. He was born at Eitorf, Canton of Cologne, Rhine Province, Germany, November 2, 1869, son of Peter Paul and Katherine Patt. His father was a veteran of the German revolution of 1848, and the kinship of both father and mother marched with Napoleon's army to Moscow.

Mr. Patt attended the public schools of his native country. He came to the United States in 1885, locating first in New York. In 1892 he removed to St. Joseph and established the business which he now conducts.

Mr. Patt is prominent and active in the Masonic fraternity, being a Knights Templar and a 32d degree Scottish rite Mason, and is a Shriner. He is a member of the Elks lodge, and has devoted much time and energy for the good of this order. He was exalted ruler of St. Joseph Lodge No. 40 in 1911-12, and district deputy grand exalted Ruler in 1913-14; also took an active part in the building of the present Elks club house. He is a charter member of both the St. Joseph Country and the Highlands Golf and Country clubs, and still holds membership in them. Mr. Patt is a member of the Commerce Club, of the National Association of Merchant Tailors of America, and the Merchant Tailor Designers' Association. Politically he is a Republican.

On May 17, 1893, Mr. Patt was married in St. Joseph to Miss Stella M. Reiplinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reiplinger, old residents of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Patt have three children, Walter H. Patt, associated with his father in business, Christina M. Patt and John W. Patt, Jr.

The Patt home is No. 2524 Felix street.





MR. CLARENCE U. PHILLEY

SINCE 1899, when Mr. Philley engaged in the business of leasing and operating first-class theatres, St. Joseph has been enjoying the best productions of the stage. That he might more readily secure such attractions Mr. Philley became a member of the firm of Crawford, Philley & Zerung, which operates a circuit of theatres throughout this section.

Dealing with theatrical people, who have always known the advertising value of poster boards and painted bulletin displays, Mr. Philley became interested in the outdoor advertising business, and in recent years established and is the head of the Philley System and the St. Joseph Poster Advertising Company, in which companies he has large interests.

Mr. Philley is a native of New York. He was born at McDonough, Chenango County, October 30, 1866, son of Jefferson C. and Mary Ann (Betts) Philley. He attended the common schools and Chaffee's Business College of Oswego, N. Y. Coming to St. Joseph in January, 1886, he engaged as stenographer with the Buell Woolen Mills. He continued with this firm until 1889, when he became cashier and bookkeeper for the Tootle Estate. After a service of over ten years with the Tootle Estate he entered upon his theatrical and advertising career, in which he is engaged at this time.

Mr. Philley is a director in the Missouri Valley Trust Company of St. Joseph, a vice-president of the Commerce Club, and a director in the National Poster Advertising Association of the United States and Canada. He is active in Republican politics, and was a delegate from this (the Fourth) congressional district to the Republican national convention, held in Chicago, at which Senator Harding was nominated for the presidency. He was chairman of the publicity committee for the fourth liberty loan drive and is prominent in the city's affairs.

Mr. Philley is past exalted ruler of the St. Joseph



Lodge of Elks, having filled that office in 1907-1908. He belongs to the Masonic bodies and is a Mystic Shriner. He is a charter member and director of the new Athletic Club, a member of St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Commerce Club, Rotary Club, and the Sons of the Revolution.

On November 6, 1890, Mr. Philley was married at To-

peka, Kan., to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James and Nancy Van Houten. Two daughters, Myra Nan and Grace Elizabeth, have been born of this marriage.

Remembrance Philley, great grandfather of Clarence U. Philley, served with a Connecticut regiment in the war of the Revolution.

The Philley home is No. 1956 Clay street.





MR. VINTON PIKE

A MEMBER of the St. Joseph bar and actively engaged in the practice of law for forty-eight years is the unusual distinction enjoyed by Mr. Pike. Descended from an old family in New England, Vinton Pike was born in the town of Cornish, York County, Maine, April 3, 1850, son of Charles W. and Susan (Lewis) Pike. His father was a farmer all his life, but a man of cultivation and good education. One of his sons, the late Charles A., was an attorney at Durango, Colo., and served as judge of the County Court and Circuit Court for many years.

As a boy Vinton Pike attended the schools in his native locality and the Bridgeton Academy, at North Bridgeton, Maine. At the age of 18 he came to St. Joseph and took up the study of law in the office of his uncle, Bennett Pike, one of the prominent lawyers of the early days. In 1863 President Lincoln appointed Bennett Pike United States district attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and he served with distinction until 1870, and later for two years was judge of the Circuit Court. He moved to St. Louis about 1880, and died there in 1892, after a long and honorable career.

In 1872 Mr. Pike was admitted to the bar in St. Joseph, since which time he has been in active practice—a period of nearly half a century. He is held in high esteem by his associates at the bar and as a citizen, and is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the State of Missouri. Mr. Pike held the office of city counselor of St. Joseph in 1882-84; was a member of the Board of Public Utilities from 1910 to 1914, serving under the second term of Mayor Clayton and throughout Mayor Pfeiffer's administration. He is now a member of the State Board of Law Examiners.

Mr. Pike has affiliation with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Zeredatha Lodge No. 189, A. F. & A. M. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, and is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Minnie Hereford, daughter of Dr. Richard and Amanda (Tracy) Hereford.





Mrs. Pike died in 1908. She was a member of the Christian Church. Three children, two sons and a daughter, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pike: Vinton, Jr., Hereford and Katherine.

Mr. Pike's ancestral line begins with John Pike, a native of England, who came to America in 1636, was one of the early settlers of Newburyport, Mass., and Salisbury, where he spent his last days. Second in line was Robert Pike, also born in England, and brought to America by the first named. From the public records and local histories he appears to have been a man of much ability and influence and independence of character. He was an assistant magistrate, associate of the General Court, and during the days

of witchcraft persecutions was opposed to the witchcraft prosecutions, and wrote an argument against spectral evidence which is extant. Much is said of Robert Pike in Upham's history of Salem Witchcraft, and his biography is comprised in the book published under the title, "The New Puritan," and his opposition to persecution of the Quakers is celebrated by Whittier in the poem, "How the Women Went From Dover." His descendants settled throughout New England. Vinton Pike is the seventh generation in descent from Robert of Salisbury. His immediate ancestors were the first settlers of Cornish, Maine, and followed farming.

The Pike home is No. 1817 Jule street.





MR. HERBERT JAMES PIMBLEY

**A**MONG St. Joseph jobbers, whose products are nationally known, is Mr. H. J. Pimbley, president of the Pimbley Paint and Glass Company. He was born at Milwaukee, Wis., February 23, 1861, son of James and Angeline Pimbley. Completing his education in the schools of Milwaukee, Mr. Pimbley first entered the employ of a wholesale drug house in his native city. Following this connection he went to Chicago, and in 1889 located in St. Joseph, engaging in the retailing and jobbing of paint and glass. Several years ago he placed on the market a polish for pianos and furniture, and from this beginning has grown the immense manufacturing business of Pimbley Newers, including automobile and other polishes, which are marketed from ocean to ocean and extensively advertised throughout the country.

Mr. Pimbley is actively identified with the business affairs of St. Joseph. He is a member of the Commerce Club, Building Club, Advertising Club, National Credit Men's Association, Athletic Club, and Automobile Club. He is a Mason and an Elk, and a Republican of the Teddy Roosevelt type. His church membership is with the Episcopal denomination.

Mr. Pimbley was married in Chicago, June 5, 1893, to Miss Irene Rivers. Two children have been born to them, a daughter, Juanita A., and a son, Chesterfield A. Pimbley.

As a "hobby" Mr. Pimbley contends there is nothing like work.

The Pimbley home is in the Geiger Apartments.





MR. EDWARD L. PLATT

**S**UCCESSFUL in his own business Mr. Platt has injected much enthusiasm into the public affairs of St. Joseph. He was born at Manhattan, Kan., May 27, 1869, son of J. Evarts and Jennie (Smith) Platt. His parents were natives of Connecticut, but removed to Menden, Ill. In 1856 they decided to help make Kansas a free state, and moved to Wabunsee, fifty miles west of Topeka. Here Mr. Platt built a home, hauling the finished lumber from Atchison, Kan., in an ox cart.

Interested in the cause of education Mr. Platt, in 1859, established the first graded school in Topeka. He was professor of mathematics in the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kans., for twenty-one years; was one of the founders of Washburn College, Topeka; was ordained a minister, and was organizer for the Congregational denomination in Kansas and Oklahoma for fifteen years. His many activities in behalf of the public welfare commanded for him the respect and esteem of all classes of citizens throughout his useful life.

After graduating from high school at Manhattan, Kan., Mr. Platt spent two years in the State Agricultural College in that city, and three years in Washburn College, Topeka, pursuing a general education. He made the race on horseback in Cherokee strip in 1893, and settled on a claim six miles east of Enid, Okla. He built a sod house and roughed it for some time, and after a few months of this kind of life he surmounted his many obstacles to progress. Later he became private secretary to the governor of Oklahoma at Guthrie, retaining this official connection for three years.

After settling in St. Joseph in 1896 Mr. Platt's first business experience was as stenographer for Mr. Mike Hohl, superintendent of the Burlington Railroad Company. Following this he was employed by the Richardson Dry Goods Company, and then for a period of two years he was stenographer and collector under Mr. W. T. Van Brunt for the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company.

In July, 1898, in partnership with L. E. Reid, Mr.



Platt established the American Electric Company, of which he has been secretary and treasurer ever since. He was a prominent member of the old St. Joseph Ad Club, and when this organization was merged with the Commerce Club, surrendering its name to the Commerce Club, Mr. Platt was chosen chairman of the publicity committee. He served as a director for one year and as vice-president in charge of the industrial division. In 1916 he was elected president, serving one year in that capacity, and it was largely due to his efforts that Lake Contrary was saved from the ravages of the Missouri River. He has been prominent in all civic affairs for several years. Politically a Republican, he has steadfastly refused to enter politics, preferring the Commerce Club as his sphere of civic activity. He believes that every citizen owes part of his time to public work and civic advancement.

Mr. Platt was one of the prime movers in the organization of the St. Joseph Federation of Charity and Philanthropy, co-ordinating the miscellaneous charities under one supervision, and of this organization he became secretary.

Fraternally, Mr. Platt is a Mason and a Shriner. He is a past commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, and is active in Masonic circles. He is an Elk and derives great pleasure in playing billiards at the Club House of this lodge.

He has membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Automobile Club and Athletic Club.

His church association is with the Francis Street M. E. Church.

On November 16, 1898, at Guthrie, Okla., Mr. Platt was married to Nellie G., daughter of Allison Kincaid, a merchant of Guthrie. Allison Kincaid, was an early settler in Kansas, locating in Mound City in 1858. He fought on the Union side of the Civil war.

His daughter, Nellie G., was born at Greeley, Kans., April 30, 1875, and graduated from the Ottawa, Kan., Musical Conservatory. Mr. and Mrs. Platt are the parents of two daughters—Esther, born September 16, 1904, now a pupil in St. Joseph Central High School, and Allison, born November 24, 1909. Both children were born in St. Joseph.

The Platt family record dates back on the maternal side to Thomas Smith, who married Elizabeth Patterson at New Haven, Conn., May 3, 1662, thus presenting an unbroken record of more than two and one-half centuries. On the father's side the descent is traceable from the Dutton family, whose name was prominently associated with the early history of Massachusetts.

The Platt home is No. 2506 Ashland boulevard, which has just been completed on a beautiful plat covering one and one-half acres.







PROF. EMORY M. PLATT

IT WOULD be difficult to say how many men and women engaged in the business life of St. Joseph, as well as elsewhere, owe their success to Platt's Commercial College. Daily transactions involving millions of dollars are done on the ground work of this school's sound instruction. The development of such an institution is interesting. Professor E. M. Platt, president of the college, came to St. Joseph in July, 1891, as manager of the Remington Typewriter Company. He had previously been engaged as stenographic reporter in Topeka, Kan. In 1893 he established the school, identifying himself with it from the beginning. Like many enterprises the chief asset was hope and courage. A small room with two typewriters and a couple of tables constituted the equipment. It was from this modest start that Platt's Commercial College has grown to be one of the best institutions of the kind in the country. The school now occupies eight rooms, with the most modern equipment, has fifty typewriters and possesses all the latest office appliances. Mr. Platt possibly inherited his taste for teaching. He was born at Manhattan, Kan., November 4, 1865, son of J. E. and Jennie (Smith) Platt. His parents removed to Kansas from Illinois in 1856. His father organized the first graded schools in Topeka; was professor of mathematics in the State Agricultural College at Manhattan for twenty-one years, after which he was appointed state Sunday school superintendent for Kansas and Oklahoma for the Congregational denomination.

Professor Platt was educated at the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kan., and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Since locating in St. Joseph he has not only built up a wonderful school, but has unreservedly given of his time and talent to aid the things which go to make a better city. He fostered athletics before the professional physical director's advent here; was active in organizing the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member, and is a member of the Commerce Club and the St. Joseph Advertising Club. His church association is with the First Congregational, of which denomination he and his wife have long been mem-



bers. Politically he is a Republican. His direct ancestors came from Connecticut and Maryland.

Professor Platt was married August 8, 1891, to Elizabeth Landon Prescott. Mrs. Platt has been personally identified with the work of Platt's College since its organization. In addition to this her life has been devoted largely to the civic affairs of the city. She has served as president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and president and organizer of the Parent-Teacher's Association, and is especially prominent and active in welfare work in behalf of the children. Mrs. Platt comes from the family

of Prescotts, who settled in Vermont in the seventeenth century, and is a descendant of General William Prescott, who was in command of the battle of Bunker Hill, and whose marvelous generalship was instrumental in the victory of that battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt have five children, of whom four are married: Fairy Louise, the author, married Lesle F. Hauck; Helen, married Walter H. Closson; Landon, married Florence Newman; Emory Melzar, Jr., married Chloe Morris, and J. Evarts, a student at the University of Missouri.





MR. PAUL HARRIS POLK

**P**AUL HARRIS POLK is the second child and oldest son of a family of eight children, all of whom are living. His father, James S. Polk, was born at Georgetown, Ky., and came to St. Joseph in 1884. His mother, Olivia Ford Polk, is a native of Andrew County, Mo., but was raised in St. Joseph.

Paul Polk was born in St. Joseph, September 23, 1887, and was educated in the local public schools. His first occupation was that of clerk for R. G. Dun & Co., following which he became a traveling salesman. He continued in this capacity for ten years, and then engaged in the automobile business in 1912. From the point of continuous service Mr. Polk is the oldest established among the local automobile dealers, and is making a splendid success of his business.

He is very active in promoting the general welfare of his native city and prominent in the various organizations for this purpose, being a director of the St. Joseph Automobile Club, St. Joseph Musical Festival Association, the Rotary Club, and is chairman of the entertainment committee of the Commerce Club. Fraternally Mr. Polk is a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason, having passed the 32d degree, and is a Knights Templar. He is a member of Moila Temple, Shrine, and is an Elk. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is chairman of the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A.

On July 19, 1916, Mr. Polk was married to Miss Ethel Vivian Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Peterson, of St. Joseph. Mrs. Polk was born in St. Joseph, and is a graduate of Central High School and Wellesley College. A daughter, Altha Olivia Polk, 3 years of age, blesses this marriage.

Mr. Polk does not take an active part in politics, being disposed to favor the best man and express himself emphatically with the ballot. He is fond of vocal music, and is in demand as a public singer, and is generous in his



response to the many requests made for this class of entertainment.

Paul Harris Polk is a direct descendant of Robert Bruce Polk, the head of the Polk families of the United States, who came to this country in 1671 from Ireland. Robert Bruce Polk was the second son of Sir Robert Polk, the Second, of Ireland, who was descended from "Fulbert the Saxon," a great noble and warrior of Normandy. "Fulbert the Saxon" was chamberlain to William the Con-

queror, and went to England during the year 1053, during the reign of Edward the Confessor. Shortly after the battle of Hastings in 1066 "Fulbert the Saxon" was given a large grant of land in Scotland by William the Conqueror, which became known as the Barony of Pollok. At his death his son assumed as a surname (which at that time only came to be used), instead of a patronymic, the name of his great hereditary lands of Pollok.

The Polk home is No. 1308 North Twenty-fifth street.







MR. GEORGE EDWIN PORTER

MR. PORTER is a successful business man, being the executive partner in the firm of Ford & Porter (Investment Securities), St. Joseph. He was born at Skidmore, Mo., September 4, 1878, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel Porter. His father was the son of an Episcopalian clergyman of New York.

Mr. Porter began his business career in a country bank, his first position being with the Farmers Bank of Maitland, Mo. Desiring to broaden his experience he came to St. Joseph in 1901 to accept a position with the John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company. In the following year he entered the employ of the Tootle-Lemon National Bank, remaining with this institution until 1907. He then entered the investment banking field with Messrs. McCluney & Co. of St. Louis, with whom he is still associated.

In 1915 he returned to St. Joseph to engage in the investment banking business with Mr. Frazer L. Ford, under the firm name of Ford & Porter. The business of the firm has developed in a very gratifying and substantial manner, and new ground floor offices have recently been established at Eighth and Francis streets.

Mr. Porter belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He is a Republican. In the commercial and social life of the city he is active and prominent, being a member of the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Benton Club and Elks Club. Mr. Porter finds recreation in golf.

He was married at Sanibel, Fla., March 4, 1912, to Mary Graham Lacy, daughter of Graham Gordon Lacy, vice-president of the Tootle-Lacy National Bank of St. Joseph, and a recognized authority on finance. Four children have been born of this marriage: Mary Lacy Porter, George E. Porter, Jr., Ellen Porter and Graham Gordon Lacy Porter.

The Porter home is No. 1207 North Twenty-fifth street.





MR. RANSOM N. RIDGE

MR. RIDGE was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, November 24, 1871, the son of Thomas D. and Harriet F. Ridge. His father was a native of North Carolina and his mother was born in Kentucky.

Ransom N. Ridge was educated in the public schools and Bryant's Business College of St. Joseph. He first engaged as stenographer and secretary to T. J. Chew, Jr., whose business was loan and investments. In 1903 he entered the employ of the First National Bank and worked in various positions until he became auditor and then assistant cashier. In 1912 he was elected secretary of the First Trust Company, and the present year (1920), was promoted to the vice-presidency. Mr. Ridge continues to hold the position of assistant cashier of the First National Bank, the two institutions being closely allied.

He is active in church work, being a member of the official board, and also an elder of the First Christian Church, of which he has long been a member. He has membership in the Commerce Club and the Rotary Club, and is a Republican in his political views.

On December 31, 1893, Mr. Ridge was married to Miss Hattie C. Myers, daughter of Thomas B. Myers of Agency, Mo. Five children have been born of this marriage: Ray R. Ridge, auditor First National Bank; Guy R. Ridge, married to Miss Frances Figley of St. Joseph, now with the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City; Theodore R. Ridge, with the Standard Oil Company, St. Joseph; Harriet E. Ridge, student in the high school, and Walter N. Ridge, student in the grammar school.

The Ridge home is No. 707 North Twelfth street.





MR. JULIUS ROSENBLATT

WITH the exception of one year in the mercantile business Mr. Rosenblatt has been a banker all his life. He was born in St. Joseph, May 24, 1862, son of Herman and Minnie (Cohen) Rosenblatt. His father, a native of Bavaria, was born December 3, 1829, and came to this country in 1853, landing in New York. The year following he came to St. Joseph and engaged in the retail dry goods and notions business. He had received a good musical education in the old country, and when his talent became known he was given all the encouragement possible in forming a brass band. This band, although named the St. Joseph Band, soon took the name of its leader, and for many years was famous throughout the West. It was organized in 1854. Mr. Rosenblatt's mother was born at Bristol, England. She was the mother of eight children, of which Julius was the oldest. Both parents are dead.

Mr. Rosenblatt was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph and at Bryant's Business College. His first position was with a general store at Seneca, Kan., in 1882. A year later he engaged in the banking business with the First National Bank of Seneca. The following year (1884), he was elected cashier. He served three years in this capacity and then organized and managed the State Bank of Belvidere, Neb., where he remained for five years, selling his interests to accept a promotion to the Schuster-Hax National Bank of St. Joseph. Later he became associated with the First National Bank of St. Joseph, occupying the position of cashier.

In 1907 Mr. Rosenblatt organized the American Exchange Bank, of which he is now its president. He is also secretary and charter member of the Morris Plan Company Bank of St. Joseph. For two terms he served the St. Joseph school district as treasurer. Mr. Rosenblatt is a past president and treasurer of Joseph Lodge, I. O. B. B. No. 73. He is a member of Temple Adath Joseph, and



for twenty years was church treasurer, having resigned this position in 1918. He is a member of the Commerce Club and the Athletic Club.

On October 24, 1894, Mr. Rosenblatt was married to Bertha, daughter of Simon Stern, of St. Joseph. Mr. Stern was prominent in politics, and was the organizer and first superintendent of the city charities. He held the office of superintendent for ten years. Mrs. Rosenblatt is

active in charity work. She is secretary of the Sheltering Arms Association and treasurer and director of the Federated Jewish Charities of the city, and a director of the Red Cross.

While not a golf or base ball fan Mr. Rosenblatt is very fond of the "movies" and a lover of the spoken drama.

The Rosenblatt home is No. 608 North Twenty-third street.







MR. JAMES C. SAGER

THE live stock market in St. Joseph is the fifth largest in the United States, and the industry is one of the most important in the city. Prominently and actively associated with this business for the past twenty-two years is Mr. James C. Sager, president and manager of the Drinkard, Sager & Emmert Commission Company. Mr. Sager is a native of Missouri, having been born in Gentry County, January 27, 1867. His father, Edward Sager, was born in Germany, but was brought to the United States by his parents when 6 years of age. The family first settled in Ohio, later removing to Iowa. In 1866 they came to Missouri. Mr. Sager's mother was Elizabeth (Gearhart) Sager, a native of Virginia. She removed with her parents to Missouri when a child. She was the mother of nine children, of whom our subject is the third.

James C. Sager attended the local schools and the Northwestern Normal at Stanberry, Missouri. His first occupation was that of stenographer for a grain firm in Kansas City. Later (1888), he became assistant cashier in a bank at Stanberry. The following year he established a bank at Clyde, Missouri. In 1894 he returned to Stanberry to engage in the banking business and continued there until 1898, when he came to St. Joseph to enter the live stock commission business. Mr. Sager has had an active and important part in the building of St. Joseph's live stock market. He is one of the pioneers who has aided in the development from a few shippers to a market of fifth rank in this country. He has carried on uninterruptedly for twenty-two years, except for changes in partnership, and his firm is now one of the leading in St. Joseph.

Mr. Sager has not been unmindful of his duties as a citizen. For three years (1914-17), he was a member of the Board of Health, filling the office of vice-president and president of this body. He is a member of the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Green Hills Golf Club and St. Joseph Athletic Club. Fraternally he has association with the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks. He is a member of the Christian Church, and is a Democrat.

On January 4, 1919, Mr. Sager was married at Kansas City, Missouri, to Jene Hamilton of Richmond, Missouri. Mrs. Sager's father died when she was a child. Her mother has ever since been a resident of Richmond.

The Sager home is in the Victorian Court.





MR. CHARLES J. SCHENECKER

SOME MEN are endowed by nature with a disposition so genial that one wonders if care has ever crossed their path. This can truthfully be applied to Mr. Schenecker. He is a man of unusual self-control, which explains in a slight degree his ability to meet and master the daily routine of a big business, in the conduct of which there are innumerable cares.

Mr. Schenecker has been for over thirty-six years connected with the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company. His first position was with the retail dry goods firm of M. S. Faris & Co. in 1876, then located at Fourth and Felix streets. He continued in this line for five years and then became bill clerk for Shultz & Hosea, wholesale hardware dealers. After two years' experience in this house he accepted the more important position of cashier for the Nave & McCord Mercantile Company, wholesale grocers, January 1, 1884, and has been associated with this firm ever since.

In 1900 this company was reincorporated, the name being changed to the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, and Mr. Schenecker was made treasurer. Six years later he was elected vice-president, which position he now occupies. The firm is one of the oldest and largest wholesale grocery houses in the West, having been established in 1841. It has associated houses in Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Colo.; Fort Worth, Texas; Hutchinson, Topeka and Emporia, Kan.

Mr. Schenecker is also president of the Ross-Frazier Iron Company of St. Joseph, and for a number of years operated a chain of general merchandise stores in Oklahoma and Texas. He is a director of the Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph, and of the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company.

Charles J. Schenecker was born in St. Joseph, November 9, 1861. His father, Joseph Schenecker, a native of Waxweiler, Germany, came to America in 1854. His



mother, Gertrude Robling, born in Wutzerath, Germany, reached this country the same year. They were married in Lafayette, Ind., May 5, 1856, and on May 12 following arrived in St. Joseph. Here they enjoyed a continuous residence until the death of Mr. Schenecker, August 22, 1907. Eight children were born to them, six of whom are living—five sons and one daughter. The father served in the Prussian cavalry.

Charles Schenecker attended the public schools of St. Joseph, and finished his education with a commercial course at Bryant's Business College. He is a member of the Methodist denomination, and politically is a Democrat. He is a member of the Elks Lodge and is also a member of several social clubs, among them being the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club and the

Athletic Club. However, for recreation, Mr. Schenecker enjoys fishing more than golf. He is a member of the Commerce Club and aided freely in the liberty bond and Red Cross drives.

On January 10, 1888, he was married to Caroline W., daughter of John P. and Caroline Fink. One daughter, Ada G. Schenecker, has been born of this marriage. Mrs. Schenecker's father was prominent in the shoe and leather business in St. Joseph, Denver, Colo., and Helena, Mont., following the war. From 1865 to 1872 he made numerous trips overland across the plains with big trains of shoes and leather. At the time of his death in 1873 he was having constructed a business house in Denver, which was at that time one of the prominent buildings in that city.

The Schenecker home is No. 2533 Francis street.





MR. JOHN GEORGE SCHNEIDER

JOHN GEORGE SCHNEIDER was born in St. Joseph, May 12, 1862, son of Ulrich and Katherine (Schott) Schneider. He was educated in the local public schools. His father came to St. Joseph in 1850, and when the Civil war broke out he served in the 43rd Missouri Volunteers, under rank of orderly sergeant. Following his honorable discharge from the army he established, in 1870, the business of real estate loans and insurance. In 1877 John George Schneider became associated with his father in the business, later succeeding him. In turn, Mr. Schneider's son, Ulrich, has acquired an interest in the business, thus presenting an unbroken record to the third generation and perpetuating the family name in the successful conduct of the business, which was established over half a century ago.

Mr. Schneider entered the banking business in 1887, being one of the organizers of the American National Bank, of which institution he is the president. He is also president of the St. Joseph Auditorium Company; president of the St. Joseph Federation for Charity and Philanthropy; president of the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railroad Company, and is a director in the Buchanan Hotel Company, the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Clay County Railway Company, and the St. Joseph Anti-Tuberculosis Society. Politically Mr. Schneider is a Republican.

On October 12, 1887, he was married in St. Joseph to Miss Helen Craig Garth, daughter of Major and Mrs. Samuel A. Garth, pioneers of Buchanan County. Major Garth saw service and won his rank of distinction in the Civil war. Two sons and a daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider; Ulrich, associated with his father in the real estate loan and insurance business, married to Jeannette Johnston; Helen, married to Henry W. Walker, and John George, Jr., first lieutenant, 80th Company, 6th Regiment U. S. Marines, who made the supreme sacrifice, November 1, 1918, in the battle near Excermount, France.

The Schneider home is in Krug Park Place, adjoining beautiful Krug Park.







MR. FRANK J. M. SCHUSKE

**B**ROUGHT to St. Joseph by his father in 1873, Mr. Schuske has lived here ever since. He was born in Borntuchen, Province Pomerania, Prussia, in Germany, October 7, 1864. His father's name was Frederick Schuske, and his mother was Caroline Krupp, a descendant of the famous Krupp family of Essen, Germany. The mother is living in St. Joseph, and is eighty-four years of age.

Mr. Schuske was educated in the public schools of the city. In 1879 he engaged as an apprentice with Daniel F. Bombeck, who conducted a tin shop in connection with a heavy sheet iron and boiler shop, on the south side of Mes-sanie street, near Sixth.

On the 20th of January, 1894, Mr. Schuske became associated with Mr. C. H. Seaman, father of William R. Seaman, in the roofing and sheet metal business, and has ever since been identified with the firm.

He is a member of the Commerce Club and Rotary Club, and prominent in the industrial affairs of the city.

While not pronounced in his political views Mr. Schuske leans towards the Republican party. He is a member of the Elks Lodge and the German Lutheran Evangelical Church.

He was married in St. Joseph on May 8, 1886, to Emilie, daughter of William Wille. Mrs. Schuske came to this country alone in 1882, her parents following a year later. A daughter, Ruth E., is an only child.

The Schuske home is No. 418 North Seventeenth street.





WILLIAM RALPH SEAMAN

REPRESENTING the third generation of the family in St. Joseph, William Ralph Seaman was born in this city November 18, 1876. He is the son of Charles H. and Caroline Mary E. (Pelar) Seaman. His father, a native of Birmingham, England, came as a child with his parents to this country in 1853. The family first settled in New York. In July, 1870, they removed to St. Joseph, where the grandparent of our subject engaged in tin roofing and general tin work. He was so skilled a mechanic that the Buchanan County Exposition, in 1874, awarded him a silver medal for superior workmanship. This was the beginning of the present Scaman-Schuske Metal Works Company, of which the fourth generation is now a part, as a son of our subject has entered the business.

The parents of Mr. Seaman's mother were born in Germany. Upon reaching the United States they went to Toledo, Ohio, but removed to St. Joseph in 1863.

William Ralph Seaman attended the local public schools, and then engaged in business with his father. He is active in commercial and industrial affairs, being at present a director of the Commerce Club. Politically he is a liberal Democrat, and his church association is with Christ Episcopal. He is both active and prominent in Masonic work, being a member of all the York and Scottish rite bodies, and is a Shriner. At present he is oriental guide in the official divan of Moila Temple. Mr. Seaman is also a member of the Odd Fellows and Elks lodges. He has membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Green Hills Golf Club, Commerce Club and Athletic Club.

On September 28, 1898, Mr. Seaman was married to Agnes Isabelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maylen, of Severance, Kansas. Two children, Gladys Elizabeth and Charles Ralph, Jr., have been born to them.

The Seaman home is No. 430 North Seventeenth street.





MR. WILLIAM FRANKLIN SHULTZ

IN CONSIDERING the part Mr. Shultz has played in the production of this book do not misconstrue his advertising phrase, "If there is beauty we take it, and if none we make it," for surely all agree that he had only to "take it."

William Franklin Shultz is a native Missourian, and was born at Tipton, July 21, 1868, son of William Perry and Martha Priscilla (Ross) Shultz. His father was a Confederate soldier, serving four years under General Price. He was married near Tipton, Mo., in 1867.

Since he was eighteen years of age William F. has devoted his business life entirely to photography, beginning at Warsaw, Mo., in 1886. For awhile he conducted a studio at Coffeyville, Kan., removing from there to Gallatin, Mo., where he remained fifteen years and established a reputation all over the state as an artist of unusual ability. In 1912 Mr. Shultz located in St. Joseph, and has met with merited success as a high-class photo artist.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a Shriner. He holds membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club and the Highlands Golf and Country Club. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Shultz was married at Houston, Texas, December 28, 1892, to Miss Ollie Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hunt, of Jamesport, Mo. Mr. Shultz's ancestry on his mother's side were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and his grandmother on his mother's side was a direct descendant of William Penn. Her name was Mildred Penn.

The Shultz home is No. 3802 St. Joseph avenue.





MR. ADELBERT SIMMONS

TO MR. "DELL" SIMMONS, President of the St. Joseph Viscosity Oil Company, is given credit for the installation of the first and only oil refinery in St. Joseph. Mr. Simmons came to this city in 1889. He was born in Kalamazoo County, Mich.; was reared on a farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. Like many successful men he gained his larger education from daily contact with the world. After reaching St. Joseph, Mr. Simmons entered the employ of the Sommer-Richardson Cracker Company. He remained with this firm six months, resigning to accept a traveling position with the James W. Tufts Soda Fountain Company of Boston. He continued in this capacity until 1910, when he took part in the organization of and became manager for the company which he now heads. Starting in a very small way (a capital of only \$6,000), with none but local investors, each year has brought added equipment and new buildings, until now a capitalization of \$75,000 has been reached, and the Viscosity Oil Company is in possession of the only refinery in the city, which was built in 1916. It is worthy of note that all the present stockholders were original shareholders, making the company strictly a St. Joseph organization.

Mr. Simmons has affiliation with the Masonic order, being a Knights Templar and a Shriner. He is also an Elk. Socially he holds membership in the Highlands Golf and Country Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club and Rotary Club, while politically he is a Republican. His interest in the business life of the city is expressed by membership in the Commerce Club.

Mr. Simmons was married in St. Joseph to Miss Martha MacNamee.

The Simmons home is No. 1808 Francis street.







MR. LEWIS S. STUBBS

THE STERLING characteristics possessed by Mr. Stubbs may be due to the fact that he resided for a number of years in Sterling, Kan. It is more likely, however, that they were inherited from his English-Scotch ancestry, for his father, Ira Stubbs, was of English descent, and his mother Scotch.

On February 22, 1882, Mr. Stubbs arrived at West Elkton, Ohio, in time to take part in the celebration commemorating Washington's birthday. Then and there he declared himself a Republican, and has ever since been true to this party's principles.

A few years later his parents removed to Kansas, and it was while living in Sterling that he received his grammar and high school education, which was later supplemented with a business course at Quincy, Ill. His boyhood days were spent on his father's ranch in central Kansas, and it is said that at one time his greatest ambition was to be a cowboy of the most reckless type. Returning to his home town he accepted the position of assistant manager of the Sterling Ice and Produce Company. A few years' experience in this line naturally qualified him for the banking business, and he then became general bookkeeper and assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank. For six years he held this position, and then decided to engage in the insurance business, coming directly to St. Joseph in 1911. He accepted a position as clerk with the Stubbs-McDonald Agency, a company in which his brother was interested. He soon demonstrated his ability in his new field of endeavor to the extent that in a few years he became a stockholder in the company and fills the official position of secretary and underwriting manager.

It must be said to the credit of Mr. Stubbs that upon arrival here he was quick to assume the duties of citizenship. His work for good roads and fire prevention have

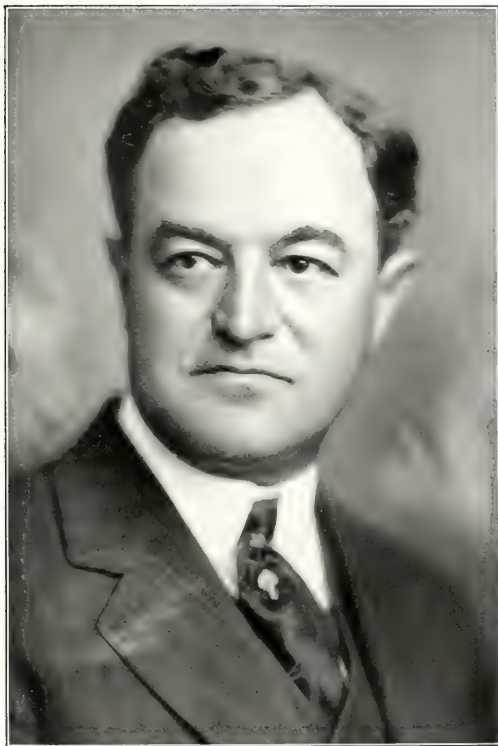


been untiring, but was a small part compared to the energy directed in reorganizing the Automobile Club of St. Joseph and mapping out its various lines of endeavor. Since 1912 he has held the secretaryship of the Automobile Club, and he is also secretary of the St. Joseph-Buchanan County Good Roads Association. Mr. Stubbs was one of five men who decided to submit the two million dollar road bond issue to the voters of Buchanan County in the face of adverse conditions. The bonds carried five to one.

Mr. Stubbs holds membership in several fraternal bodies, being a Mason and a Shriner, Knights of Pythias and an Elk. His church affiliation is with the First Congregational Church. He is also a member of the St. Joseph Country Club and Highlands Golf and Country Club.

It might be unkind to say it, in view of all the good things Mr. Stubbs has done for the community, but the fact remains that he has not sufficiently considered his own welfare, for he is unmarried.





MR. FRANCIS X. STUPPY

TO "SAY it with flowers" is a beautiful mode of expression. In presenting this "bouquet" it naturally will be flowery. "Frank" Stuppy was born in St. Joseph, March 3, 1877, son of Laurence J. and Annie Elizabeth (Schiesl) Stuppy. His father was born September 5, 1850, at Ste. Genevieve, Mo., the family removing to St. Joseph the following year. Mr. Stuppy engaged in the floral business in 1873, laying the foundation for the present immense business which is conducted by his son under the name of the Stuppy Floral Company. The elder Stuppy died in St. Joseph, March 31, 1908. Mrs. Stuppy, a native of New York, was born January 27, 1857, and was 9 years old when her parents came to St. Joseph. She is still living.

Frank X. Stuppy attended the Christian Brothers' College of this city, and St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kans., graduating from the latter on June 22, 1893. He first took a position with the Wyeth Hardware and Manufacturing Company and then went to the Tootle Theater, having charge of the box office. In 1898 he entered the floral business with his father, having had an important part in the development of this industry. He is president of the company, one of the largest in the west, its greenhouses covering six acres and using 225,000 feet of glass.

Mr. Stuppy is a director in both the Society of American Florists and the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, an honor to which he is duly entitled on account of his efforts to effect such organizations. He is a member of a number of St. Joseph clubs, including the Commerce Club, Automobile Club, Country Club, Green Hills Golf Club and the St. Joseph Hunting Club. Mr. Stuppy has affiliation with the Elks and the Knights of Columbus. In religion he is a Catholic, being a member of the St. Joseph Cathedral parish. Politically he is a Democrat.

He was married at Seneca, Kan., September 12, 1905, to Miss Clara B., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Williams. Mr. Williams was an early settler in Seneca and was a prominent banker and extensive land owner. Mrs. Williams, whose maiden name was Mary Bryan, was the second white child born in Wathena, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuppy have six children, three boys and three girls: Mary Elizabeth, Clara Virginia, Frances, George Laurence, John Milton and Frances X. Raymond Stuppy. The Stuppy home is at the intersection of Lover's Lane and Ashland Boulevard.





MR. MILTON TOOTLE, JR.

THE name Tootle and St. Joseph are inseparable. For seventy-one years—since 1849—the Tootle family has been continuously associated with the business and social life of the city.

Milton Tootle, Jr., was born in St. Joseph, March 18, 1872, son of Milton and Katherine (O'Niell) Tootle. His father was born in Ross County, Ohio, February 26, 1823, and came to Missouri in 1842, settling at Savannah. In 1849 he removed to St. Joseph and engaged in the mercantile business, acquiring an interest in the house that later became Smith, Bedford & Tootle. Upon the death of Mr. Smith, Mr. Tootle, in connection with his two brothers and W. G. Fairleigh, purchased the stock and commenced business under the firm name of Tootle & Fairleigh. Shortly after Mr. Tootle established dry goods houses in Omaha, Sioux City and Council Bluffs. In 1860 his brother Joseph died, and soon after his brother Thomas withdrew from the partnership. The business was conducted under the name of Tootle & Fairleigh until 1873, when Mr. Fairleigh retired. Other partners were admitted and the firm name became Tootle, Craig & Co., under which title it continued until 1877, when a change was again made, and the firm of Tootle, Hosea & Co. was formed. For the next ten years the business made a marvelous growth, being considered one of the most successful houses in the West. Following the death of Mr. Tootle, in 1887, the corporate name was changed to Tootle, Wheeler & Motter Mercantile Company. The business was conducted under this style until 1908, when the Tootle interests withdrew from the firm and organized the present Tootle-Campbell Dry Goods Company, in which the son perpetuates the seventy-one years' existence of the family name in the mercantile life of the city. Mr. Tootle was a man of active enterprise and did much to enlarge, improve and beautify the city. He erected the Tootle Opera House in 1872, which at that time would have been a credit to any city, and was financially interested in many business enterprises in St. Joseph. It becomes evident that much credit is due him for laying the foundation for the immense jobbing trade now enjoyed by this market.





Mr. Tootle was married in St. Joseph in January, 1866, to Katherine O'Neill, daughter of James O'Neill and Francis (Sublette) O'Neill.

Milton Tootle, Jr., was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph, Noble School, Boston, and St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire. After an extended tour of Europe and other foreign countries he returned to St. Joseph and entered the banking business, which profession he has followed with pronounced success, being at this time president of the Tootle-Lacy National Bank, one of the soundest and most conservative financial institutions in the West.

An expression of faith in his native city has been marked by investments in numerous enterprises involving large capital. Mr. Tootle is president of the Tootle-Campbell Dry Goods Company, one of the strongest and most widely known jobbing houses in the middle west. He is also president of the Tootle Estate, a corporation handling the landed interests of the Tootle family, and holds a large interest in the Aunt Jemima Mills Company, whose products are sold internationally.

It is the good fortune of St. Joseph to have Mr. Tootle on the Board of Park Commissioners, of which he is the president, and has been for four years. The many improvements already accomplished and those under course of construction and contemplated bespeak a vast amount of time and thought devoted to the city's interests. The Children's Circus, now nearing completion in Krug Park, will of

itself, be a lasting monument to him, and is substantial evidence that he has taken into account the future of St. Joseph. Mr. Tootle is also a member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri, and is a director of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company and vice-president and director of the Leavenworth Terminal Railway and Bridge Company.

Mr. Tootle holds membership in the St. Joseph Country and Highlands Golf and Country Clubs of St. Joseph; Chicago Club, Chicago, and the Waswaskimo Golf Club, Mackinac Island, Mich. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church. He was author of the plans and chairman of the building committee for the construction of the beautiful church home of his denomination at Seventh and Jule streets.

On November 9, 1892, Mr. Tootle was married in New York City to Miss Lillian Belle Duckworth, daughter of George K. and Lucy (Bishop) Duckworth. Three sons have been born of this marriage: George Duckworth Tootle, Milton Tootle III, and William Dameron Tootle. Milton Tootle III married Natalie Gilbert.

The Tootle St. Joseph home is at Eleventh and Charles streets, and their summer home is one of the most beautiful at Mackinac Island, Mich., where Mr. Tootle's Japanese garden is pronounced a marvel of beauty.

Mr. Tootle is a member of the Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812.





MR. ROBERT E. TOWNSEND

A DISTINGUISHING TRAIT in the long and active career of Mr. Townsend in St. Joseph is that he is progressive. It is a marked quality of the man, and has been demonstrated from the time he began clerking for the dry goods firm of Townsend & Wood in 1871 to the present day.

Mr. Townsend was born at the Townsend homestead, near Avenue City, in Andrew County, Mo., August 31, 1853. His father, John Townsend, was a native of Maryland, and emigrated to Missouri in 1841. His mother, Rebecca (McElwain) Townsend, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, where she was married to Mr. Townsend before he came to Missouri. She was of Scotch-Irish descent and originally the name was spelled Macelwain.

Robert E. Townsend received his education in the public schools of Andrew County. He lived on the farm until he was sixteen years old. He then came to St. Joseph. After serving five years in the employ of Townsend & Wood as a clerk he became a member of the retail clothing firm of Jones, Townsend & Co. in 1876. The firm was then located at the northeast corner of Fourth and Felix streets, and continued there until 1886, when it removed to the southeast corner of Fifth and Felix streets, known as the J. W. Bailey corner. In the meantime the firm name had been changed to the Jones, Townsend & Shireman Clothing Company.

In order to accommodate the Townsend & Wyatt Dry Goods Company, which was burned out at the Center Block, Sixth and Edmund streets, in the fall of 1895, and compelled to find a new location, the clothing company moved one door east, and for a number of years the two stores were connected by archways.

Due to the death of Mr. Jones and the withdrawal of Mr. Shireman the firm was reorganized under its present form of Townsend-Ueberrhein Clothing Company, and Mr. Townsend became the president of the corporation. Be-



cause of its rapidly expanding business the firm was forced to seek larger quarters, so in 1909, a ten-year lease was taken on the building at the northeast corner of Sixth and Felix streets. Here the firm continued to prosper and remained until the spring of 1919, when it moved into its present modern and pretentious home, erected especially for its needs, at the southeast corner of Sixth and Felix streets, and which it owns.

Mr. Townsend is identified with many of St. Joseph's business institutions. He has invested his surplus earnings largely in his home city, and at present is the owner of considerable and valuable business and residence property. Besides the presidency of the Townsend-Ueberrhein Clothing Company he is president of the Jones, Townsend & Shireman Investment Company, president of the Brady Furniture and Carpet Co., vice-president of the Townsend, Wyatt & Wall Dry Goods Company and vice-president of the Smith, McCord, Townsend Dry Goods Company of Kansas City, Mo.

Politically Mr. Townsend has been a life-long Democrat. The only public office he has ever held is that of police commissioner of St. Joseph. He was appointed a member of the board by Governor Gardner in 1916, and is

now filling the position in a manner most creditable to himself and the city at large. Fraternally, Mr. Townsend is a Mason, having joined the order in 1886. He is a member of Zeredatha Lodge No. 198, a Knights Templar and a Shriner. He also holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club and the Elks Club. His church association is with the First Christian Church.

Mr. Townsend was married in 1884 to Miss Mary F. Cheek, whose family came to St. Joseph from Louisville, Ky., when she was quite small. Mrs. Townsend died in the spring of 1919. No children were born of the union. Mr. Townsend is a man of fine social qualities and numbers his friends by the thousands. He is a public spirited citizen and is widely recognized as an important factor in the community—morally, socially and financially.

The Townsend family is of English ancestry. The first authentic record of the name is in London in the early part of the eleventh century. Members of the family came to America in the early history of the New World. The branch of the family of which R. E. Townsend is a member, settled in Maryland, in colonial days, in the vicinity of Snow Hill. Mr. Townsend traces his lineage through this branch by way of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana to Missouri in about 1839.





MR. JESSE THOMAS TRENERY

THERE are few bankers better known in this section of the country than Mr. J. T. Trenery. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Grant County, August 1, 1863, the son of John V. and Mary C. Trenery. Mr. Trenery was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin, and has been in the banking business for about thirty years. Before coming to St. Joseph he was in the banking business at Pawnee City, Neb., which interest he still retains.

Mr. Trenery came to St. Joseph in January, 1907, as vice-president of the First National Bank and was one of the organizers of the First Trust Company, which has grown into one of the strong financial institutions of this city. Since retiring from the First National Bank. Mr. Trenery has devoted his time largely to his banking interests in Nebraska. He has an extensive acquaintance in his profession, having served as a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association three years. He was president of the Nebraska Bankers' Association two terms, an honor which has never been conferred on any other banker in that state.

Mr. Trenery is of a modest and retiring disposition; a man well versed in the financial and general affairs of the country, and one who derives his greatest pleasure from the association of family, friends and books. He is a Republican, pronounced in his views, though never active in political affairs. Fraternally he is a York Rite Mason and is a Shriner. He is also a member of St. Joseph Lodge of Elks No. 40.

On June 10, 1896, at Columbus, Wis., Mr. Trenery was married to Miss Agnes M. Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray. Mrs. Trenery has been active for a number of years in musical circles of the city, especially devoting her attention as an officer and director of the Fortnightly Musical Club. A daughter, Mary Swift Trenery, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Trenery.

The Trenery home is No. 2416 Faraon street. The family spend the winters in California.







JUDGE WILLIAM HENRY UTZ

**W**ILLIAM HENRY UTZ, judge of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, is a native of Missouri. He was born in Crawford township, Buchanan County, July 28, 1864, son of John Henry and Sarah E. Utz, and is the oldest of a family of ten children, of which there were four boys and six girls.

Judge Utz began his education in the common schools of the county, attended Central College at Fayette, Mo., in 1883-4, and then entered the University of Missouri, taking up the study of law. He graduated from this institution in the class of 1889. Being admitted to the bar he commenced the practice of his profession in St. Joseph in July of the same year. He has made a fine record, being acknowledged an able lawyer and a competent and capable jurist.

Judge Utz was assistant prosecuting attorney for two years, 1895-96. He served as police commissioner for six years, four years under Governor Dockery and two under Governor Folk's administration. His manner of handling police affairs was very much to the credit of himself and the city. In 1916 he was elected circuit judge for a term of six years. In this position he commands the full respect of the bar and the community at large. Politically Judge Utz is a Democrat, and prior to his election to the bench took an active and prominent part in the affairs of the party.

He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, having affiliation with all the bodies, both York Rite and Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the lodges of the Moose and the Eagles. His church membership is with the Methodist Episcopal, South.

Judge Utz was married in St. Joseph on May 15, 1902, to Miss Alice A. Henry. Three children have been born of this marriage: Mary Elizabeth, born September 2, 1903; Alice Ruth, born February 12, 1905, and W. H. Jr., born June 19, 1907.

The Utz home is No. 917 Corby street.





MR. IRVING A. VANT

IRVING A. VANT, president of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank, was born at Milford, Massachusetts, February 13, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of Chicago. Practically all of his business life has been spent with Swift and Company and their allied interests. He entered the employ of this firm April 11, 1892, and at the time of entering the banking business held the position of assistant treasurer of the corporation.

Mr. Vant came to St. Joseph, August 1, 1908, and has proved himself a most valuable citizen, manifesting an active interest in the commercial, industrial, civic and other branches of the city's life. He is now a director of the Commerce Club for the third term, is a member of the Welfare Board, and chairman St. Joseph Chapter American Red Cross. He devoted much time to war activities, being a member of the city's executive committee, and directed the work in South St. Joseph. Mr. Vant served six years in the Illinois National Guard.

The financial interests which he represents in St. Joseph are large and varied. In addition to the presidency of the Stock Yards Bank, Mr. Vant is president of the St. Joseph Cattle Loan Company, treasurer St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, treasurer St. Joseph Belt Railway Company, treasurer Union Terminal Railway Company, treasurer St. Joseph Warehouse and Cold Storage Company, and treasurer of the Grain Belt Mills Company.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having received all the degrees in the York and Scottish Rite bodies, and is a Shriner. He holds membership in the St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club and the Green Hills Golf Club.

Mr. Vant was married at Elgin, Ill., December 23, 1891, to Dollie A. Turner, daughter of Henry F. Turner, of Wyoming, Ill. They have one child, Dorothy Irene, who married Kenton Harper Clarke, Jr., of St. Joseph.

The ancestry of the Vant family is traced, on the side of Grandmother Vant, to John Alden and Priscilla Magoon.

The Vant home is No. 602 North Twenty-fifth street.





JUDGE LAWRENCE ARCHER VORIES

**J**UDGE VORIES was born and reared in Buchanan County, Missouri; common school education; prosecuting attorney of Buchanan County in 1891-92; mayor of St. Joseph, 1897-98; state senator from Buchanan County, sessions of 1903-05; appointed judge of Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Mo., Division No. 2, by Governor Gardner in August, 1917, and elected in November, 1918, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles H. Mayer, resigned.





MR. CHARLES WADDLES

ONE of the most successful agents for the New York Life Insurance Company in St. Joseph is Mr. Charles Waddles. He was born at Emmitsburg, Md., February 25, 1871, son of Joseph and Sarah Ellen (Shuff) Waddles. At the age of 17 he finished the public schools of his native city and came to St. Joseph. For nine years he was connected with Tootle, Hosea & Co., wholesale dry goods; then with the Tootle-Weakley Millinery Company for three years. Next he entered the employ of the Johnston-Woodbury Hat Company, where he continued for thirteen years, retiring seven years ago to engage in the life insurance business.

Mr. Waddles is a public-spirited man; in fact, an enthusiastic booster for St. Joseph. He has served in various capacities to promote the general welfare of the community. He is president of the Boy Scout movement, treasurer of the Library Board, and is one of the active organizers of the new Athletic Club, of which he is vice-president.

Mr. Waddles is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knights Templar and a 32d degree Mason, and is a Shriner. He is also an Elk. He has membership in the Commerce Club, Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf and Country Club, Athletic Club, and the Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, and has filled the office of first reader in this church. Politically Mr. Waddles is a Republican.

He was married at Denver, Colo., July 31, 1905, to Miss Nina A. Willard, daughter of R. L. Willard, of that city. One child, Betty Willard Waddles, blesses their home.

The Waddles home is No. 1124 North Twenty-sixth street.







DR. FRANK PERRY WALKER

NEXT to the youngest of a family of nine children, all of whom are living but one, Dr. F. P. Walker was born near Memphis, Scotland County, Mo., March 18, 1877. He is a direct descendant of the Alexander and John Walker families of England. His father, John G. Walker, was born in Illinois in 1835 and came to Missouri with his parents in early manhood. The greater part of his life was spent in the vicinity of Memphis. He died in St. Joseph in July, 1907. Mr. Walker was a live stock dealer. His business interests, together with his natural inclination to travel, led him to see more of the world than did the average man of the early day. On one occasion, when he had driven his herd of cattle to St. Paul, Minn., then only a trading post, he was offered forty acres of land, covering the present site of that city, for one yoke of his oxen. As captain he led more than one band of emigrants across the great American desert, returning via the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed by pack mule train, thence to New York and home by rail and wagon train. Mr. Walker was a personal friend of Mark Twain and on one of his western trips he was accompanied by the author, who at that time was preparing one of his first books for publication.

Dr. Walker's mother, Mrs. Hannah (Denny) Walker, is a native of Ohio. She is of English descent also, her grandfather having come from London to Philadelphia during the Revolutionary war. In her early womanhood she came by wagon train with her parents to Memphis, where she resided until 1907. Since that time she has made her home in St. Joseph, living with her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Wildbahn.

Dr. Walker received his early education in the district school, and was graduated from the Memphis, Mo., High School in 1898. During his high school course he not only carried on his regular work, but taught two terms of school and graduated with his class. After his graduation he continued in the teaching profession in Scotland



County and later in North Dakota, where he also proved up a claim. During his work as a teacher he attended various teachers' training schools and took special work in Iowa City, Iowa. Seeing a field of greater opportunity than that offered in the teaching profession he entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., in 1901. After completing the course and receiving his degree of D. O. he located in North Dakota, where he practiced until coming to St. Joseph in 1905. Here he continued his practice of osteopathy, at the same time taking a medical course in the Ensworth Medical College, from which he received his degree of M. D. He has since received diplomas from the Post Graduate Medical School and the West Side Hospital, both of Chicago, for special work in operative surgery and other lines.

Dr. Walker served two successive terms as president of the Missouri Osteopathic Association, and during his tenure of office he succeeded in organizing the state into districts. He also served as president of the Northwest Missouri Osteopathic Association. As chairman of the state legislative and educational committee, and by his profound faith in his profession, he has done much to advance osteopathy to the high standing that the science now holds. He stands for the highest ideals of professional courtesy, service and progress.

For three years Dr. Walker was president of the Christian Endeavor Union of St. Joseph, during which time he was a delegate to the International Christian Endeavor Convention at St. Paul, Minn. While a student in the

American School of Osteopathy he represented that institution in the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Lake Geneva.

A long line of Democrats is the record of the Walker family, and the doctor has not departed from the political faith of his fathers. Although he has never sought or held a public office, he nevertheless understands the workings of the political machinery and is intensely interested in both local and national questions. Dr. Walker is a member of the First Congregational Church. He is a Mason, having affiliation with St. Joseph Lodge No. 78, and holds membership in the Commerce Club and the Rotary Club.

On August 30, 1904, he was married to Miss Ethel Margaret Pile of Memphis, Mo. This marriage was the culmination of a romance begun in early childhood. Two children, Frank Perry, Jr., born April 21, 1909, and Hannabell, born June 12, 1912, have been born to them. Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Pile, reside in Memphis. They are the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Walker were among the first settlers in Scotland County, where they were influential in the development of the country. While the Pile families are better known in the professional than in the business world they have always been keenly active in the community life of their respective localities.

While possessing no special hobby nothing interests Dr. Walker more than a project which promises civic welfare and progress. He is a man of his word and stands for the square deal at all times.

The Walker home is No. 2604 Pacific street.





MR. THOMAS R. WALL.

THE retail trade of St. Joseph has gained its wide and enviable reputation because of men like Mr. Wall being identified with it. To use the motto of his firm, "First of all Reliability," is to tell in a few words why the Townsend, Wyatt & Wall Dry Goods Company has grown to its present supremacy in merchandising.

Mr. Wall was born in St. Joseph, December 27, 1868. His parents, James K. and Margaret G. (Gillespie) Wall, located here in 1866, coming from Illinois.

After receiving his education in the grammar and high schools of St. Joseph, Mr. Wall entered the wholesale dry goods house of Tootle, Hosea & Co. in 1882, and continued with this firm for ten years. In 1894 he became associated with the Hundley Dry Goods Company, also wholesalers, where he remained until 1906.

Having a desire to enter the retail trade, Mr. Wall purchased an interest in the Townsend & Wyatt Dry Goods Company, and was made vice-president and general manager in 1906. In May, 1914, the firm name was changed to admit Mr. Wall's name. Upon the death of Mr. John Townsend in 1919, Mr. Wall was elected president of the corporation. His thorough business training and an extended wholesale experience in dry goods and kindred lines has been reflected in the splendid growth of the firm.

Mr. Wall is a director of the Missouri Valley Trust Company. He is a member of the convention committee of the Commerce Club, and a former director of this organization. He is a Republican in politics and is a Mason, a Shriner, and an Elk. He is now serving as trustee of the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Wall enjoys playing golf and is a member of the St. Joseph Country Club, of which he is one of the directors.

In 1892 he was married to Mary Annetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Good. Mrs. Wall's father settled in St. Joseph in 1859 and was engaged in the drug business from that date until 1893, when he retired from active business. Two children, Annetta and Thomas R., Jr., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wall. Their home is No. 2015 Faraon street.





MR. BENJAMIN ALBERT WEBSTER

**E**NGAGING with the Hong Kong Tea Company, in 1892, Mr. Webster has been continuously active in the Felix street retail trade for twenty-eight years. He was born in Clinton County, Mo., February 1, 1875, son of Levi H. and Elizabeth (Walker) Webster. His father and his father's parents were natives of Ohio, and his mother and her parents were natives of Kentucky. The father of our subject came to Missouri, after graduating from Hiram College, and taught school for several years near Gower.

Mr. Webster spent his early life on the farm and was educated in Clinton County. Following the death of his parents at Lathrop, Mo., he and his brother, W. A. Webster, removed to St. Joseph in 1890. Here Mr. Webster entered a business College, and upon completion of his course accepted a position with the Hong Kong Tea Company in 1892. He continued with this firm until the fall of 1895, when he and his brother, under the firm name of Webster Brothers, opened a tea and coffee store at 604 Felix street. Five years later they removed to the present location, 708 Felix street. In 1909 Mr. Webster bought his brother's interest in the business, and credit is due him for the marvelous growth of the enterprise. Mr. Webster was the first to introduce the light lunch business in St. Joseph. It became so popular that he was obliged to acquire additional room, so that his large and modern cafeteria is the outgrowth of a very small beginning.

Mr. Webster has always been interested in the public affairs of the city. He is a member of the Commerce Club, and has affiliation with the Masonic order. He and his brother were the prime movers in the organization of the Mitchell Park Christian Church, Eleventh and Jackson streets, of which he is a member and an elder. For twenty-five years he has been an officer in the church.

Mr. Webster was married at Stewartville, Mo., December 25, 1900, to Miss Leora Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are old settlers in Clinton County, having recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Webster. They are Benjamin Merwin, Leora Elizabeth and Milton Richard.

Mr. Webster traces his ancestry to the distinguished Daniel and Noah Webster.

The Webster home is No. 2422 Lafayette street.







DR. OSCAR GILBERT WEED

THE increasing interest in osteopathy in St. Joseph is due to the character of its practitioners as well as to the merits of this school of healing. Prominent among the osteopaths of the city is Dr. O. G. Weed, a native Missourian. He was born at New Hampton, November 12, 1881, son of Oscar Frank and Loretta (Reynolds) Weed. His father was born in Ohio, but lived in New Hampton for fifty years, and was a Civil war veteran; Mrs. Weed was a native of Illinois and came to Missouri when a child.

Dr. Weed began his education in New Hampton, graduating from the high school of that city in 1902. He at once took up the study of his profession, entering the Still College of Osteopathy of Des Moines, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1905. In 1907 he graduated from the Kansas City General Hospital and in 1910 was graduated from the Los Angeles (California), College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is also a graduate in official surgery and special work in proctology. Dr. Weed came to St. Joseph in 1911 from Los Angeles and has been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since, meeting with pronounced success. He is treasurer and a director of the St. Joseph Osteopathic Hospital Company, and a special lecturer to the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons on official surgery.

Dr. Weed has affiliation with the Masonic fraternity, being a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a Shriner. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and holds membership in the Commerce Club, St. Joseph Country Club and the St. Joseph Athletic Club. He is a member of the Wyatt Park Christian Church and is a Republican.

On August 24, 1904, Dr. Weed was married at Bethany, Mo., to Miss Essie May Funk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Funk, of New Hampton, Mo. Mr. Funk was born and raised at New Hampton, and is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of that section. One child, a daughter, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Weed, but died soon after birth.

The Weed home is No. 2712 Seneca street.





MR. FREDERICK WILLIAM WERNER

SIXTEEN years ago Mr. Werner came to St. Joseph from Troy, Kansas. He entered the St. Joseph Business University, from which institution he graduated in 1904. His first position was that of bill clerk with the John S. Brittain Dry Goods Company. After a service of three years in the jobbing business Mr. Werner found that the retailing of merchandise made a strong appeal to him. A connection was made with the firm of Garrett & Son, who were prominent retail shoe merchants on Felix street.

In 1912 Mr. Werner accepted the management of the Robinson Shoe Company at its present location, 110 South Eighth street, and under his direction the business has developed rapidly, a satisfactory gain being shown each year.

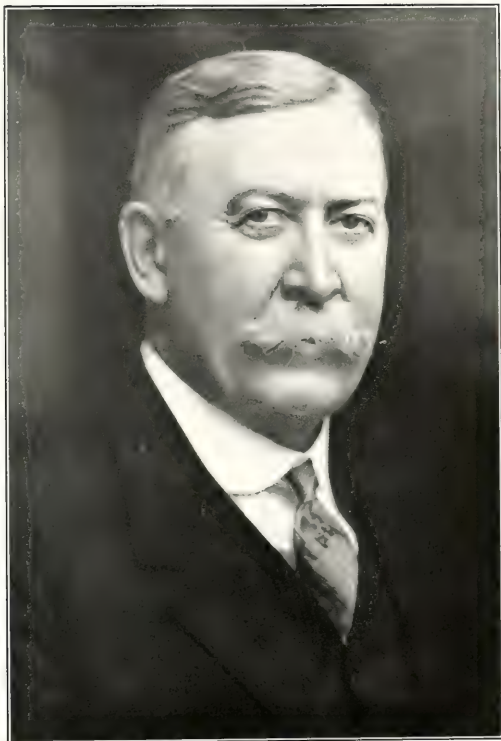
Mr. Werner was born August 30, 1882, at Troy, Kansas. His father, Paul F. Werner, is a retired farmer and resides in Troy. His mother, Louise (Graves) Werner, died when the son was 12 years of age.

As a member of the convention committee of the Commerce Club, together with the office of vice-president of both the St. Joseph Retail Shoe Dealers' Association and the Retail Credit Men's Association, Mr. Werner manifests an active interest in the retail affairs of the city. He is a member of the Savannah Avenue Baptist Church, and belongs to the Masonic and Elks lodges. In national politics he is a Republican.

On September 26, 1906, Mr. Werner was married to Miss Hattie F. Schmaltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schmaltz, old residents of St. Joseph. Two children, Harriet Elaine and Forrest William bless the Werner home.

Mr. Werner finds his greatest recreation in fishing and hunting, but takes time to raise fruit and make garden at his country home on Ashland Boulevard.





MR. W. W. WHEELER, SR.

ST. JOSEPH'S supremacy as the wholesale dry goods market of the West has never been questioned. In building it up to its present unapproachable size and unquestioned reliability, the executive ability and generalship of Mr. W. W. Wheeler, Sr., is chiefly responsible. He has met and mastered situations that have arisen before him till, to those who have observed him from day to day through a series of years, the study checks speech.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 15, 1845. His parents were David W. and Eliza (Webb) Wheeler. He grew up in the wholesome environment of farm chores and field work in the primitive days of Ohio farming, and received the indelible memory of lessons learned in the small district school. Later he attended the Conneaut Academy at Conneaut, Ohio. His early education and subsequent career are a striking reminder of the sense in Wordsworth's famous lines:

"A few strong instincts, and a few plain rules,  
Among the herdsmen of the Alps, have wrought  
More for mankind, in this unhappy day,  
Than all the pride of intellect and thought."

His business career began as a clerk with a railroad company in Tennessee. But at the age of 27 (1872), he landed in St. Joseph, and at once went to work for the wholesale dry goods house of Tootle, Craig & Co. He soon arose to the position of general manager, and upon the death of Mr. Tootle in 1887 the corporate name was changed to Tootle, Wheeler & Motter Mercantile Company, and on January 1, 1908, the corporate name was again changed to its present style, the Wheeler & Motter Mercantile Company.

For forty-eight years the institution of which he is president has received from Mr. Wheeler an amount of concentration of thought and time that is the only explanation of its solid foundation today.

In 1879 Mr. Wheeler married Miss Helen Smith, whose father was one of the early physicians of Savannah, Missouri. Two children have been born of the union; Minnie,



wife of Charles B. Farish, and William W., Jr. Both the son-in-law and the son are in charge of departments in the institution.

Mr. Wheeler and his wife made the first of a series of voyages in January, 1908, which, through the influence of friends who had read his interesting and instructive letters from Egypt and the Holy Land, are now memorialized in handsome leather-bound brochures with full-page halftones taken from photographs of places visited, with each opposite page devoted to his own individual account of the places in his own easy style—a style remarkable quite as much for the charm of restfulness and naturalness as for characteristic economy of words consistent with a maximum of information, touched here and there with a gleam of genuine humor.

Each Christmas following each voyage for five successive years the friends of Mr. Wheeler and the old customers of the institutions that he heads have been honored with a copy of these brochures, which he published privately. The titles of these volumes are: "Three Months in Foreign Lands," "Encircling the Globe," "Discoveries in South America and the West Indies," "A Glimpse of the Pacific Isles," "Our Holiday in Africa," and "The Other Side of the Earth."

Mr. Wheeler is not a club or lodge man, but he has been persuaded to accept memberships, which he still retains in the St. Joseph Country Club and in Lodge No. 40 of the B. P. O. E.

The winter home of Mr. Wheeler is in Miami, Florida, and his St. Joseph residence is 703 Hall street.







MR. JEROME GUY WING

**I**N ACCEPTING the office of president of the Commerce Club (1920), Mr. Wing said: "I came to St. Joseph twenty-seven years ago from Colorado. I had little thought then that I would ever be chosen by the business men of this city to head this most important organization."

Mr. Wing was born at Leavenworth, Kansas, November 8, 1871, son of Jerome Aaron and Margaret (Hall) Wing. His father, a native of New York, was of Quaker parentage, and his mother, who was born at Westerly, Rhode Island, was the daughter of Captain Palmer Hall, a merchant sea captain, who, before retiring, was engaged in Oriental trade for thirty-five years.

Mr. Wing was educated in Colorado at the State Agricultural College, Fort Collins, and the Denver University, Denver. For a time he engaged in ranch life and mining in Colorado, Wyoming and Dakota. In 1892 he came to St. Joseph and in 1894 connected with the wholesale house of Johnston-Fife Hat Company, which firm he later represented as traveling salesman for six years, covering at different periods the entire West. From 1902 to 1919 he was engaged in the retail furnishing goods business in St. Joseph, and became prominently identified with the commercial and other interests of the city. He was a member of the Board of Education from 1912 to 1916. At this time Mr. Wing occupies the position of vice-president of the Missouri Valley Trust Company.

He has been active in Masonic and other lodge work. In 1912 he was exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge. He was Potentate of Moila Temple in 1911, and is at present grand junior warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, the stepping stone to grand commander. He was one of the organizers and for years a director of the Highlands Golf and Country Club, and is a member of the Sons of Revolution. He has been secretary of the local branch of the National Security League since its organiza-



tion, November 10, 1915. In politics Mr. Wing is a Republican, and in religion he is a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

On October 14, 1901, he was married in St. Joseph to Lala, daughter of Oscar and Elizabeth Sorge. Mr. and Mrs. Sorge were both natives of Germany. They came to this country in 1847, and to St. Joseph in 1880. Two daughters have been born of this marriage, Dorothy, aged 17, and Mildred, aged 14.

The Wing ancestry is directly descended from Deborah Wing, widow of Rev. John Wing, of England, who landed in Colony of Massachusetts in 1635 and founded Sandwich, Mass., with three of her sons in 1637. Our subject holds membership in the Sons of Revolution through Lieutenant Sanford Palmer of Stonington, Conn., being a descendant of the New England Palmers. Mr. Wing is fond of golf, hunting, fishing and outdoor sports.

The Wing home is No. 305 South Seventeenth street.





MR. HUSTON WYETH

**H**USTON WYETH was born in St. Joseph, July 8, 1863, the son of William Maxwell Wyeth and Eliza (Renick) Wyeth. His father, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., was born February 17, 1832. The elder Mr. Wyeth, after graduating from the Harrisburg Military Academy, removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he began his mercantile career. Desiring a better location he came to St. Joseph in 1859, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail hardware business. His store occupied a room 20x70 feet on Market Square. This proved to be the foundation stone of the Wyeth Hardware & Manufacturing Company, of which the son is now the president. Mr. Wyeth died in St. Joseph, March 8, 1901.

Aside from the time spent in the public schools of St. Joseph and at St. Paul's School, Racine, Wis., Mr. Wyeth has practically grown up with the business established by his father. The one exception was when he engaged for a time in the retail hardware business under the name of Lyon & Judson. This store was located at Fifth and Edmond streets. He then became associated with his father, giving all his time and attention to the business, and in 1888 he was made a director and elected vice-president of the company. This firm is today one of the largest in the country, and its Shield Brand goods are known everywhere.

The activities of Mr. Wyeth are varied in scope. He is engaged in numerous successful mercantile and manufacturing enterprises, is the owner of several yachts, the breeder of fine dogs and cattle, as well as being sponsor for nationally advertised brands of merchandise.

Mr. Wyeth was one of St. Joseph's first good roads boosters, but found his ideas in this direction too advanced for the times, as when he tried to carry out several much needed improvements he found that several law firms had been employed to prevent his doing so.

Numerous business enterprises have become successful under Mr. Wyeth's direction, chief among them being the Blue Valley Creamery Company, of which he was the founder and its first and only president. This company now conducts a chain of creameries in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, and its product, Blue Valley Butter, is nationally known and shipped to all parts of the United States. Mr. Wyeth also organized



the Artesian Ice & Cold Storage Company of St. Joseph, of which he was president, and the Standard Vitrified Brick Company of Coffeyville, Kans., but is no longer connected with either of these companies. He is now a director in the Leavenworth Terminal Railway, President of the Wyeth Realty and Investment Company of St. Joseph, and is interested in the Miller-Dunn Company of Miami, Florida, which last named company manufactures a diving hood sold largely to the government. Mr. Wyeth was at one time vice-president of the old National Bank of St. Joseph and a director of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway. He was also the pioneer in the automobile industry in St. Joseph.

In the days of trotting he was a breeder of fast horses, but his dogs were better known, as he owned mastiffs which won prizes not only in America but in England. He is now interested in the breeding of shepherd (or German police) dogs, and has the credit of the first American bred champion of this type. He is also interested in promoting the dairying industry and was one of the first Jersey breeders in this part of the country. He is now interested in Guernsey cattle.

Mr. Wyeth is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and one of his boats, the "Boomerang," established the world's record in 1916, for any size yacht in ocean racing, as she made 151 miles in six hours and forty-five minutes. His "Boomerang II," which showed a speed of thirty-three miles per hour, was taken over by the government when the United States entered the world war. He also owns a large house boat, the "Boomerang III."

Mr. Wyeth is a life member of the American Museum of Natural History, of the Navy League of the United States, the American Geographic Society, the Audubon Society and the National Rifle Association. He is also a member of the National Security League, the American Defense Society, Sons of the Revolution, Society of the War of 1912, the National Geographic Society and the Missouri Council of Defense, both state and county. In the way of clubs and social organizations he is a member of the New York Yacht Club, Atlantic Yacht Club, Larchmont Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Thousand Islands Duck Club, Miami Anglers' Club, St. Joseph Country Club, Highlands Golf

and Country Club, Benton Club, St. Joseph Athletic Club, Commerce Club, Automobile Club and the Miami, Florida, Motor Club.

Mr. Wyeth has been active in a number of secret societies with which he is affiliated. He is a 32d degree Mason and a Knights Templar, a Shriner, being past potentate of Moila Temple; a member of the Elks Lodge, and past exalted ruler of No. 40; a Knights of Pythias and a Red Man. Politically he is a Republican and a strong supporter of his party, but he has never sought or held public office.

On April 4, 1883, Mr. Wyeth was married to Leila Ballinger, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Ballinger, who were early settlers in St. Joseph. Four children were born of this marriage, two sons, William M. Wyeth, who is second vice-president of the Wyeth Hardware & Manufacturing Company, and John Wyeth, treasurer of the same company; also two daughters, Maud, who married Kenyon V. Painter of Cleveland, Ohio, and Alison, who married Forrest C. Campbell of St. Joseph, Mo. John Wyeth married Margaret Mitchell, daughter of K. M. Mitchell of St. Joseph, and they have four children. Mrs. Painter has two children as has also Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. Wyeth's mother, who is a native of Ohio, is still living. Her home is at 417 South Twelfth street, St. Joseph.

The ancestral line of the Wyeths in this country dates back to 1630, when Nicholas Wyeth, who married Rebecca Andrews, came to America from England and settled near Boston, Mass. The line of the family to the present generation is as follows:

Nicholas Wyeth, married Rebecca Andrews; their son, John Wyeth, married Deborah Ward; their son, Ebenezer Wyeth, married Susanna Hancock; their son, Ebenezer Wyeth II, married Mary Winship; their son, John Wyeth, married Louisa Weiss; their son, Francis Wyeth, married Susan Maxwell; their son, William Maxwell Wyeth, married Eliza Renick; their son, John Huston Wyeth, married Leila Ballinger; their son, John Wyeth, married Margaret Mitchell, and they have two sons, Huston Wyeth II and John Wyeth, Jr.

The Wyeth home is on Frederick Boulevard, and they also have a winter home in Miami, Florida.

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